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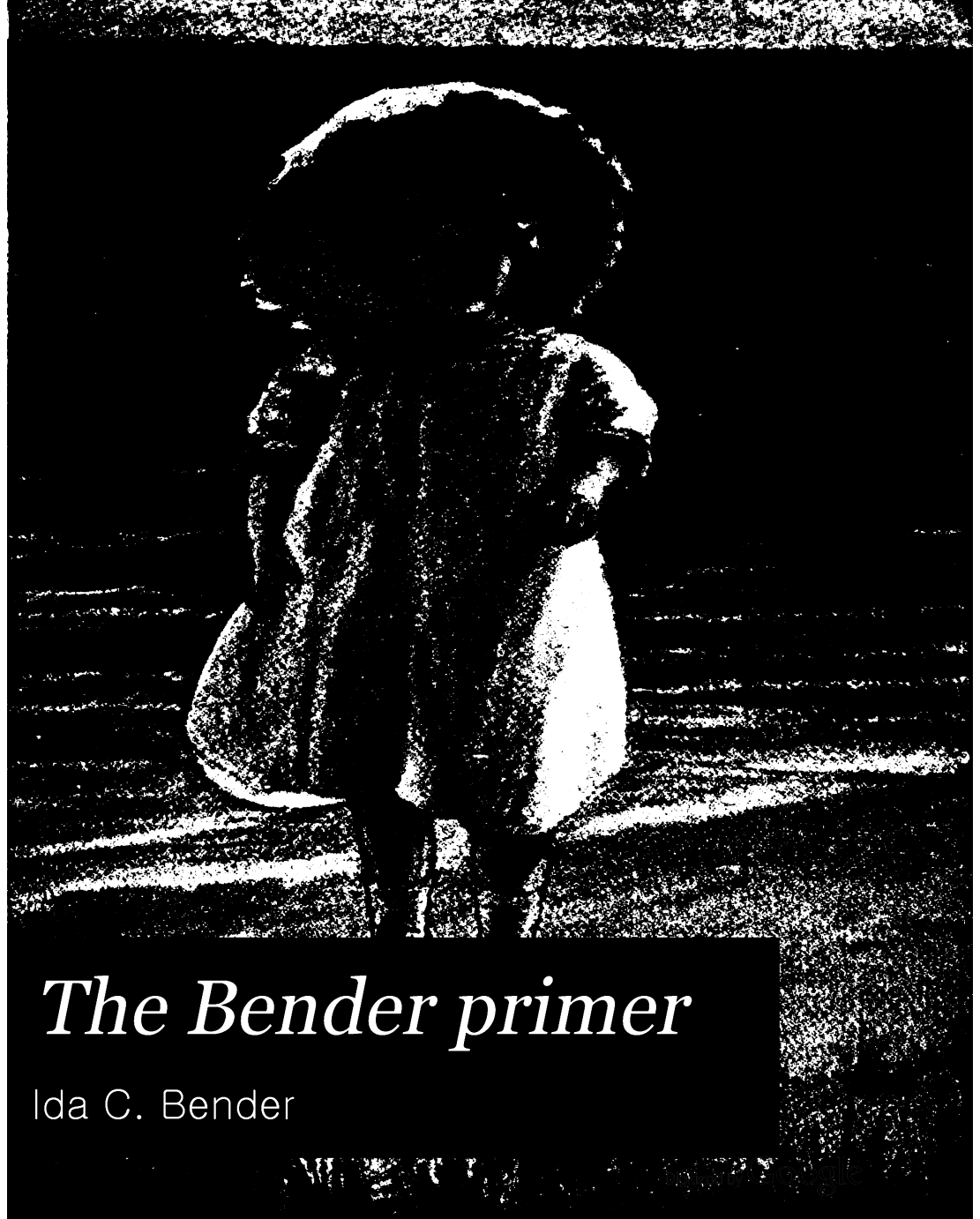

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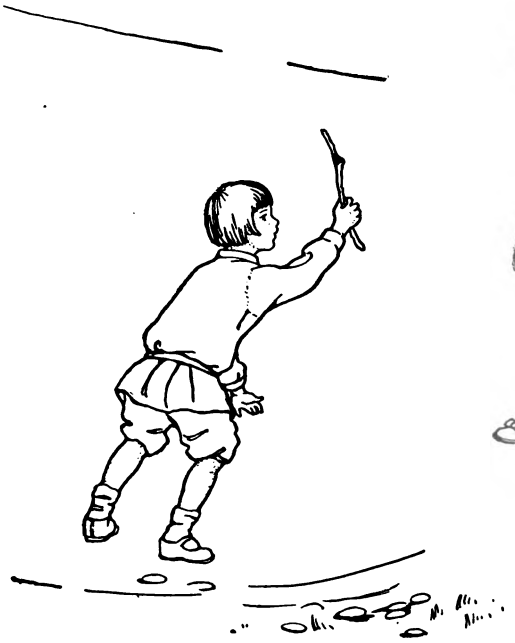

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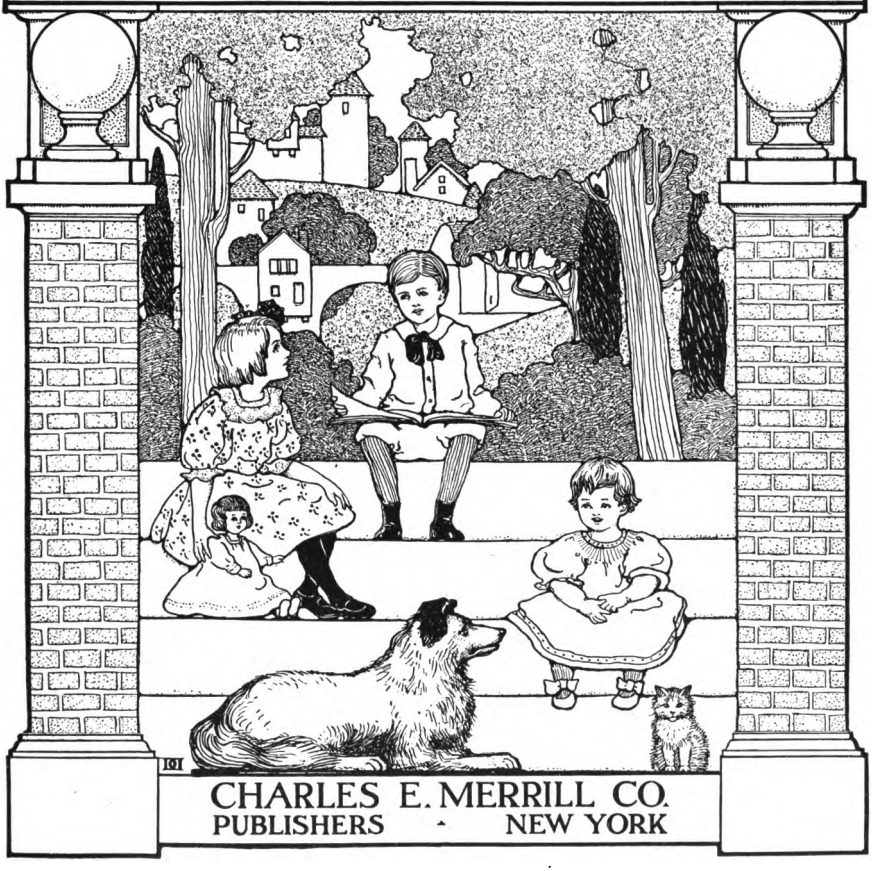

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PREFACE

This Primer is a series of short, simple, natural, and interesting word-pictures of happy child-life, every one of which has been tested again and again in the schoolroom.

The form is that in which the children expressed themselves with the greatest spontaneity, freedom, joyousness. Author, artist, and publisher have sought to give this spirit to the book as a whole.

In method, emphasis is placed upon the sentence as the most significant unit of expression, but word, sound, and letter receive due attention.

The vocabulary is one selected from lists of words submitted by hundreds of teachers and drawn from standard child-literature. It is small enough to be thoroughly mastered through frequent repetition of words, yet large and varied enough to give the pupil command of a printed page based upon a young child's range of ideas.

The author gratefully acknowledges her indebtedness to these teachers and to thousands of children for co-operation in determining the relative value and interest of materials selected for use in this book. They put to the test in the classroom the choice and methods of repetition of words, and the system of key-words and reviews. They demonstrated the worth of each lesson as a basis for varied expression in oral and written language, and by means of such agencies as clay, brush, scissors, paper, and the sand table.

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Little Stories of
Baby
Lily and Muff
Jack and Rags
Kate and Dolly
Frank and his drum
Old Dog Tray

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Good morning!
Good morning, baby dear.

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I am I have a dog Jack

Good morning!
I am Jack.
I have a dog.

Good morning, Jack.
Good morning, dog.

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Lily Have you a kitty

Good morning!
I am Lily.
I have a kitty.

Have you a kitty?
Have you a dog?

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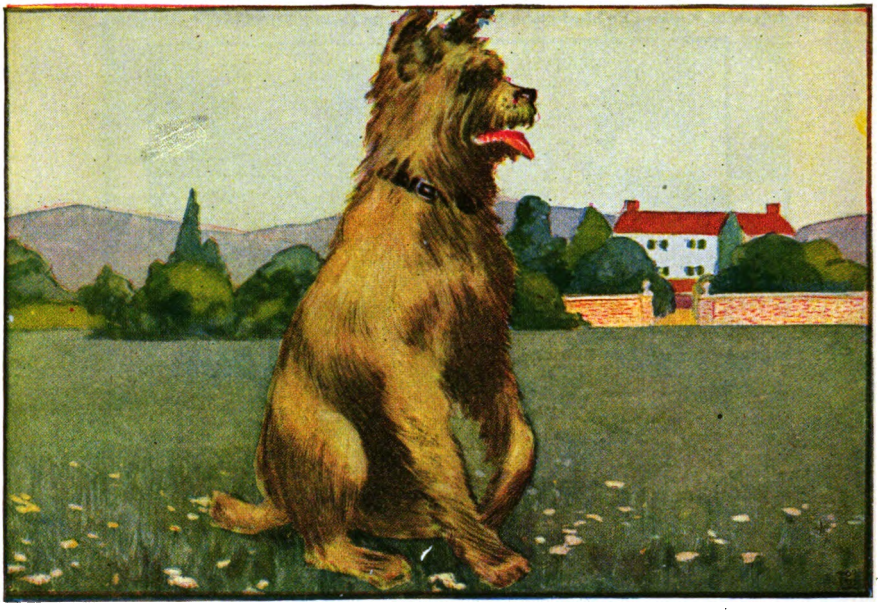
Bow-wow I bark little Rags



Bow-wow!
I am Rags.
I am a little dog.
I bark. Bow-wow!

Have you a little dog?
Have you a little kitty?

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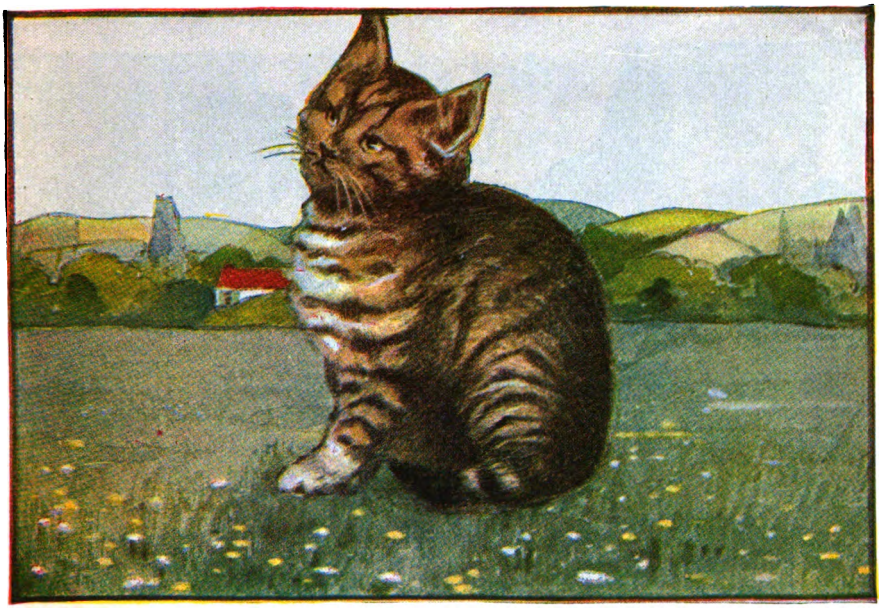
This is I like Muff



This is Muff.
Muff is a little kitty.
Muff is a good little kitty.
I like Muff.
I like Rags.
Rags is a little dog.
Rags is a good little dog.

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I play Rags plays big Tray

I am Tray.
I bark. Bow-wow! Bow-wow!
I play. Rags plays.

Tray is a big dog.
Rags is a little dog.
Have you a little dog?
Have you a big dog like Tray?

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Lily's kitty and Jack's dog

This is baby.
This is Jack.
This is Lily.

I like Rags.
I like Muff.
I like Tray.
I like baby.

Baby is a dear little baby.
Muff is Lily's little kitty.
Tray is Jack's big dog.
Rags is Jack's little dog.
Rags plays and barks.
Have you a good dog like Tray?
Good morning, Rags. Bow-wow!

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Can can See see Run run

See Jack.
Jack can run.
Can you see Rags?
Rags can run.
See Rags run.
Run, Rags, run.
Bark, little dog, bark.

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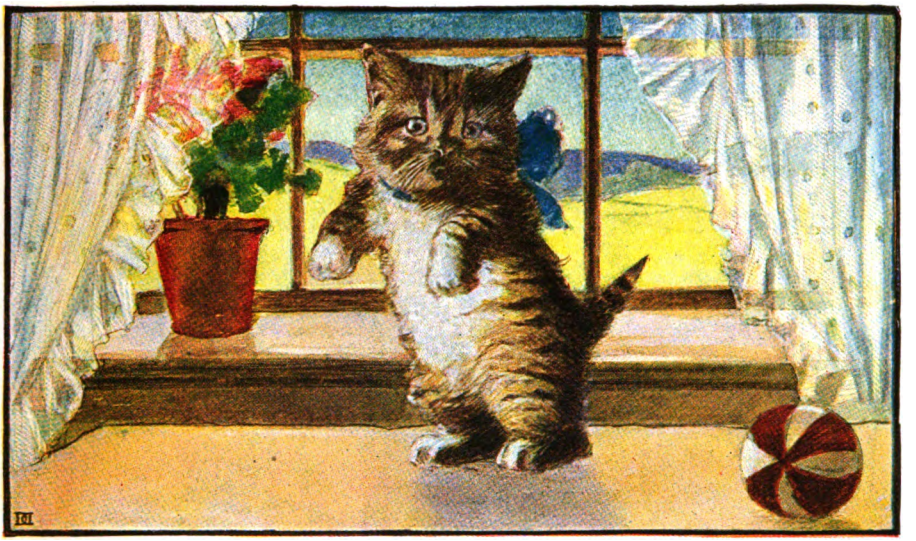
Do me mew jump



Mew! Mew! Mew!
Do you see me?
I am Muff.
I am Lily's little kitty.
Mew! Mew! I can jump.
See me jump, jump, jump.
See me run and jump.

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Frank boy my name

Good morning!
Do you see me?
My name is Frank.
I am a big boy.
I am a big boy like Jack.
Do you like Jack?
Do you like me?

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Kate girl with

Good morning!
Do you see me?
My name is Kate.
I am a little girl.
I am a little girl like Lily.
I play with Lily.
I play with Lily's kitty.

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Frank's new cap his drum

This is Frank.
See Frank's new cap.
See his new drum.
Do you like Frank's cap?
Do you like his drum?
Have you a new cap and drum?
Do you play with a drum?

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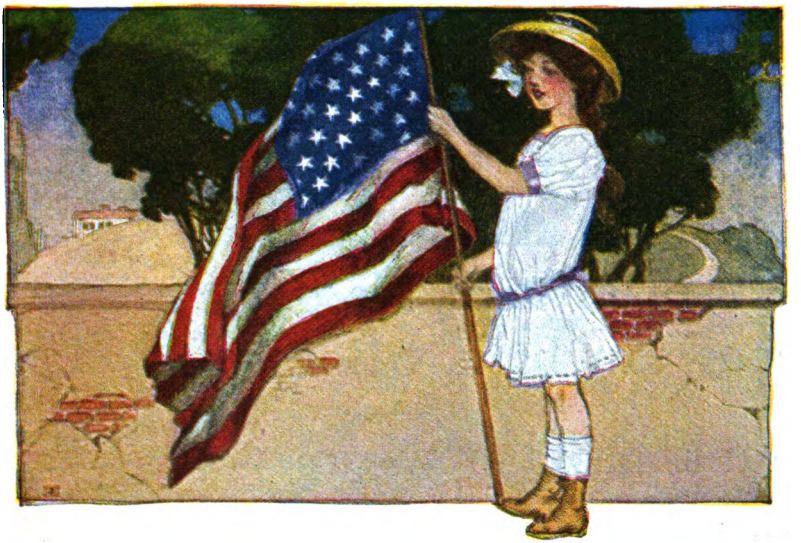
pretty flag has no Kate's



This pretty girl is Kate.
Kate plays with Frank.
Frank has a new cap and drum.
Kate has no new cap.
Kate has no new drum.
Kate has a pretty flag.
Do you like Kate's flag?
Do you play with a flag?

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Three Little Stories

Good morning, pretty baby.
See this big boy.
His name is Jack.
Jack runs and jumps.
Jack plays with his dogs.
Dogs can bark. Bow-wow!

Frank has a new cap.
Kate has a big, big flag.
Kate is a pretty little girl.

Tray, do you like me?
I like you, Tray.
My name is Lily.
I have no caps, no flags, no drums.
I have Muff. Muff is a kitty.
Muff, can you mew?

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bird to sing to fly

Pretty bird!
I see you!
Do you see me?
Little bird, can you sing?
Sing, pretty bird, sing.
Little bird, can you fly?
Do you like to fly?
Do you like to sing?
Fly to me and sing.

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doll Dolly Dimple she her

See this big, big doll.
She is Kate's new doll.
Her name is Dolly Dimple.
Lily has a new doll.
Lily's doll is little.
This doll is big.
Rags, do you like this doll?
Do you play with this big doll?

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A Little Play "Who am I?"

Good morning!
I am a big, big boy.
My dog's name is Tray.
Who am I?

Good morning!
I am a little girl.
I have a new doll.
Her name is Dolly Dimple.
Is she a pretty doll?
Who am I?

Good morning!
Jack plays with my drum.
I play with his dog.
Who am I?

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How go school too

How do you do?
My name is Lily.
I play with Kate.
I go to school, too.
I go to school with Kate.
Kate is a dear little girl.
She likes to go to school.
Run to school, little girls, run!

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yes the flag not

A Little Talk

I. How do you do, Lily?
Have you a kitty?
Yes. Muff is my kitty.
This is Muff. Do you like Muff?
Jump, Muff, jump! Mew!

II. How do you do, Jack?
Do you go to school?
Yes. I go to school with Frank.
Rags can not go with me.
This is my school. See the flag?

III. How do you do, Kate?
Do see this pretty bird!
Little bird, do not fly. Sing!

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rabbit Bunny long ears

See this pretty rabbit.
His name is Bunny.
Bunny has long ears.
Do you like his long ears?
Who has a rabbit?
Frank, have you a rabbit?
Yes, I have a rabbit like Bunny.

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he hop feed feeds

Do see Bunny!
Bunny can hop.
He can jump, too.
Bunny is Jack's rabbit.
He likes Jack.
Jack feeds his rabbit.
He plays with his rabbit.

I am Bunny.
I can hop and I can jump.
I have long ears.
Jack likes my long ears.
Do you like my long ears?

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brother blue coat

I. Jack is Lily's brother.
He is a good boy.
He likes Frank.
Who is Frank?
Frank is Kate's brother.

II. Jack has a new coat.
His new coat is blue.
Has Frank a new coat?
Is his new coat a blue coat?
Yes, his coat is a long blue coat.

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A Little Play—"Who are you?"

Bow-wow! I am Tray.
Mew! Mew! I am Muff.
My name is Bunny.
And I am a pretty bird.

Tray, can you mew? No!
Muff, can you bark? No, no!
Bunny, can you fly? No, no, no!
Little bird, can you hop? Yes.
I can hop and fly and sing.

Muff, who feeds you?
Lily and her brother feed me.
Who plays with you?
Lily and Kate play with me.
Lily and Kate go to school, too.
Do you like my pretty coat?

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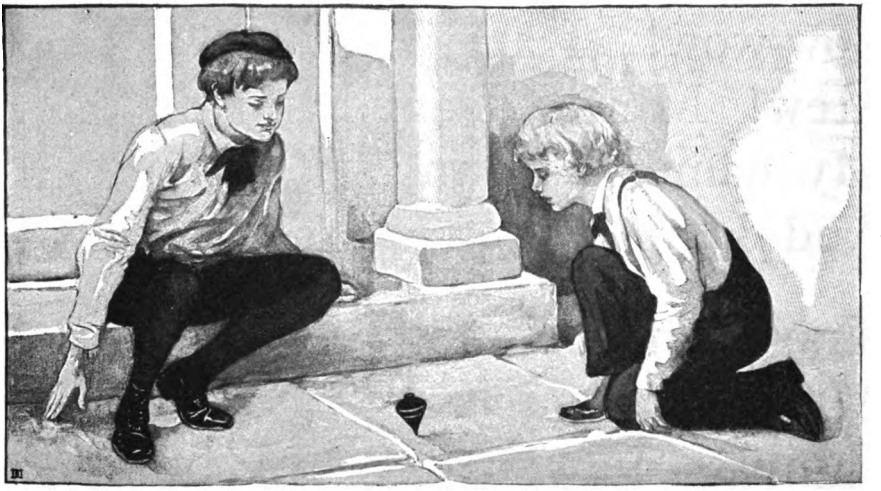

This is my red top.
Spin, top, spin.
Pretty top, spin and stop.

My brother has a blue top.
His top is big.
This top is little.
Spin, top. Do not stop.
Oh! I like to spin a top.

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ball yellow catch it

Muff! Muff!
See this yellow ball.
See this big yellow ball.
Can you catch the ball?
Catch it! Catch it!
Run, catch the ball! Stop it!

Oh, see! Muff has the ball.
Good Muff! Good little kitty!

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Your Playtime

Play with baby and me.
Frank, you are Tray.
Bark, Tray, bark. Bow-wow!

Jack, you are a little dog.
Your name is Rags.
Bark! Bow-wow! Bow-wow!

Brother, you are a rabbit.
Your name is Bunny.
See this blue flag. Hop to it.

Lily, you are a kitty. Mew!
Your name is Muff.
Catch this red and yellow ball.

Kate, you are a top. Spin! Stop!
Do you like to play with me?

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boy boy's gave

Frank! Kate has your drum.
Yes, she has a boy's cap, too.
Who gave her the cap and drum?
My brother gave her the drum.
Jack gave her the red cap.
I gave her the blue coat.
Little girl, can you drum?
Oh, yes! I can drum a little.

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kite tail made

See my red and yellow kite.
Do you like my kite?
I made it! I made it!
See my kite fly.
Fly, kite, fly, fly!
My kite has a long, long tail.
My brother made the tail.
He gave it to me.
See me run with my kite.

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sit up poor hungry

Good morning, Rags!
Sit up, little dog, sit up.
Do you like this blue ball?
Can you catch it? Catch it.
Run! Stop the ball! Catch it!

Oh, Rags, how you do bark!
Are you hungry? Poor little Rags!
Jack, feed your poor hungry dog.
Sit up, Rags, sit up.

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bad kittens in tree

I see you, little bird.
You are up in a tree.
You do not see me. Do you?
Dolly can not see you.
Oh, oh! Muff sees you.
Fly, pretty bird, fly.
Fly, fly, fly!
Muff, you bad kitty, run.
Good kittens do not catch birds.

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How do you do?
My name is
Dolly Dimple.
I am Kate's
new doll.
Rags likes me.
I am rags, too.
Oh, yes! I am made of rags.

See Dolly's big blue eyes.
Kate has blue eyes, too.
Kate can shut her eyes.
Dolly can not shut her eyes.
Rags, can you shut your eyes?
Little dog, shut your eyes.
Open your eyes. Shut your eyes.
Open, shut! Open, shut! Open!

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here some milk for

Muff, are you hungry?
Mew! Mew! Mew!
Lily, Lily! Muff is hungry.
Feed your poor hungry kitty.

Oh, you poor little kitty!
Here is some milk for you.
No, no, Rags! This is not your milk.
This milk is for my kitty.

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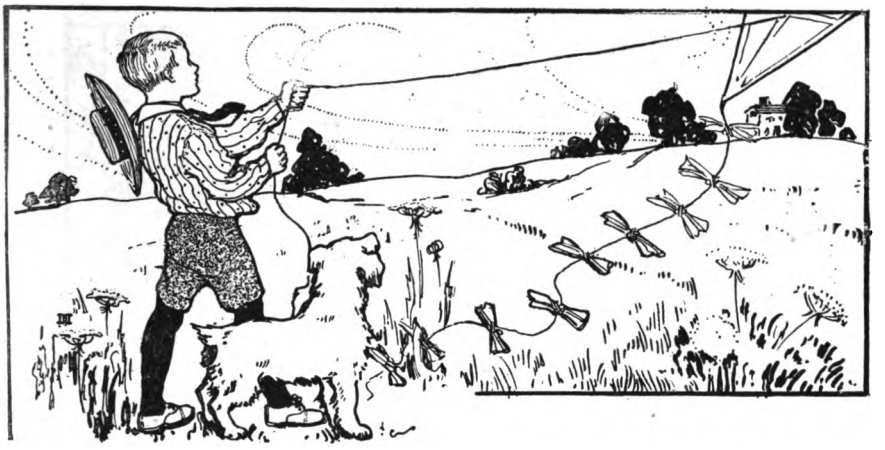

Here is my new kite.
It is red, white and blue.
Frank made this kite for me.
Oh, see it fly!
How long the tail is!
Rags, can you catch the tail?
Oh, my kite, my kite!
My new kite is in a tree.
Don't cry! Here is my kite.

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walk walks talk talks

Baby

Sit up, pretty baby.
Oh, don't cry! Don't cry!
Can you walk?
Baby, can you talk?
Talk to Muff.
Walk to Muff.
Baby, are you hungry?
Here is some milk for you.

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A Wee, Wee Girl

Good morning!
I am a wee, wee girl.
I am Jack's little sister.
Jack is my brother.
I love my brother Jack.
Little girl, have you a sister?
Lily is my sister. I love her.
She runs and plays with me.
She talks and walks with me.
My doll can not walk.
Oh, no! But I love my doll.
I play and play with her.
Oh, how hungry I am!
Who has some milk for me?

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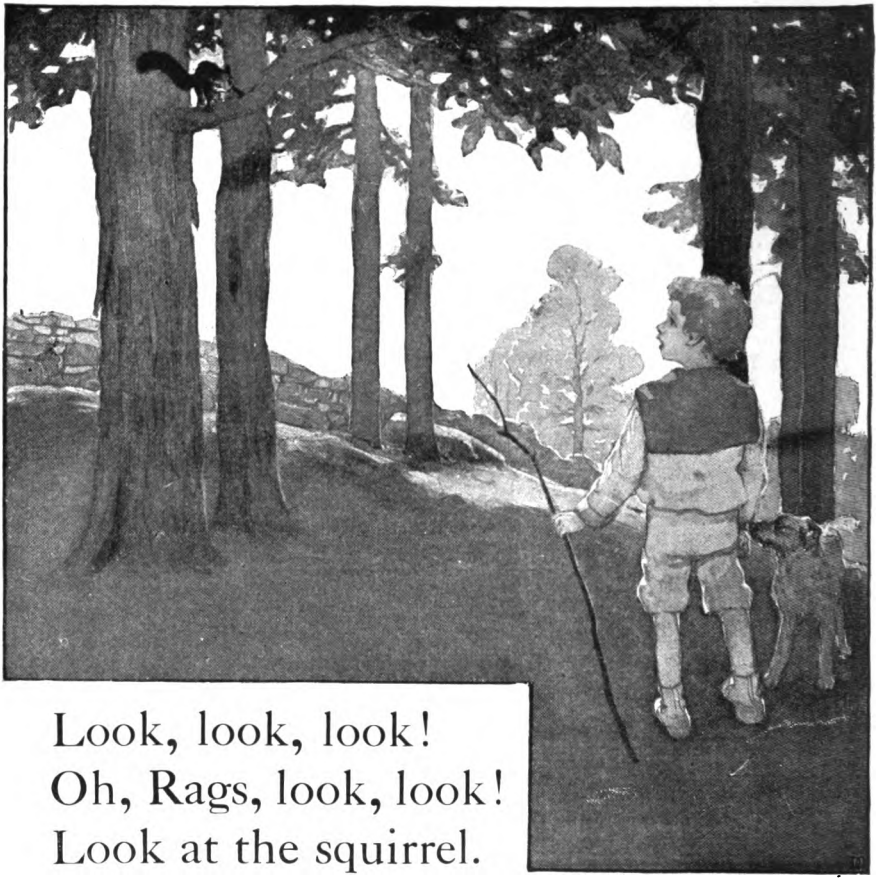

Look, look, look!
Oh, Rags, look, look!
Look at the squirrel.
See his long pretty tail.
See his bright, bright eyes.
Little squirrel, how do you do?

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sharp teeth nuts down

Chip

I am a little red squirrel.
My name is Chip.
Do you see my bright eyes?
Do you see my long tail?
I have sharp, sharp teeth.
Rags, have you sharp teeth?

Squirrels like nuts.
Do you like nuts?
Squirrels run and jump.
Chip runs and jumps.
Look at Chip in the tree.
See Chip jump down, down!
See Chip run up, up, up!
Can Rags catch Chip? Oh, no!

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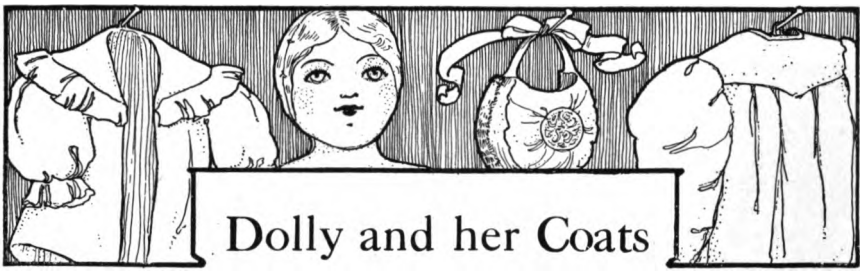

Dolly and her Coats

You pretty doll! Who are you?
I am Dolly Dimple.
Look at my bright eyes.
Can you open and shut your eyes?
Oh, no! My eyes do not shut.
Dolly, can you walk?
I cannot walk, but I can sit up.
Dolly, who made your coat?
Lily made this red coat.
She made a long blue coat, too.
She gave baby a white cap.
I do not like baby's new cap.
It is too big for her.
Baby is Lily's little sister.

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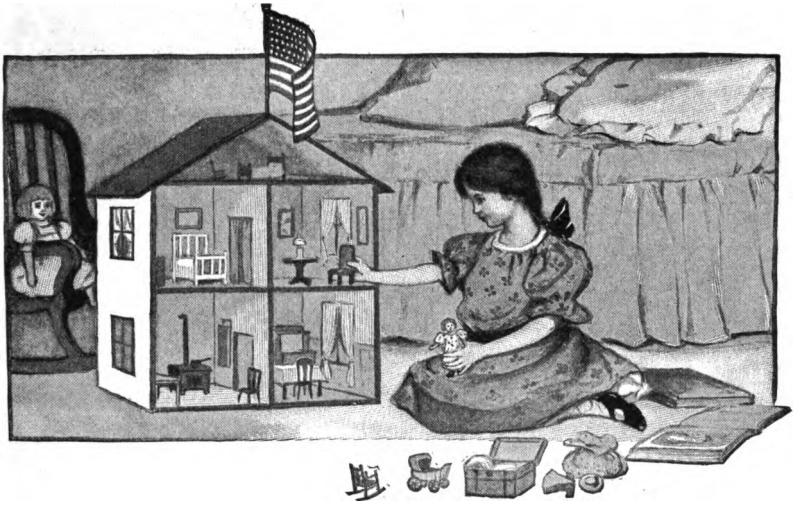

Here is a pretty house.
My brother made this house.
He gave the house to Kate.
See the flag. Kate made the flag.
Dolly Dimple lives here.
Look at her little white bed.
Jack made the bed for Dolly.
Dolly sleeps in this bed.
Go to bed, Dolly. Go to sleep.

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short eat all what apples

Oh, Lily, do look!
Here are some rabbits.
Oh, you dear little rabbits!
I love you. I love you all.
What pretty white coats you have!
What long ears you have!
What short tails you have!
Little rabbits, what do you eat?
Here are some apples for you.

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know do does says

Do you know Bunny?
Bunny is a rabbit.
He has long, long ears
and a short tail.
What does Bunny do?
He hops and jumps. He eats apples.
He walks a little, too.

Do you know Chip?
Chip is a red squirrel.
He has short ears and a long,
pretty tail. He has sharp teeth.
What does a squirrel do?
He sits up and eats nuts.
He runs and jumps.
Does a squirrel talk?
My squirrel says, "Chip! Chip!"

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mother that love loves

Muff, look at my baby.
This doll is my baby.
I play that I am her mother.
Who is your mother, Muff?
I love my baby.
My baby loves me.
I sing to my baby.
I sing her to sleep.
Sleep, baby, sleep! Sl - eep!

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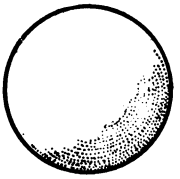
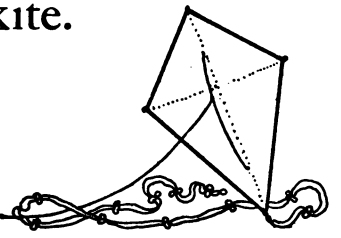


I am an old red ball.
See me. Up I go!
Baby sees me.
So does Muff.
Catch me, if you can.

I am an old white kite.
See how I can fly!
Brother likes me.
So does Jack.
Fly me, if you can.



I am an old blue top.
See how I can spin!
Kitty stops me.
So does Tray.
Spin me, if you can.

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father hear was sing singing

Look at that house.
A wee, wee house in a tree.
Isn't it a dear little house!
Who made it?
"It was made at my house," says Jack.
"My father made that house!"

Oh! Oh! See the bird.
You dear little bird, I love you.
Can you sing? Sing to me.
I hear you! I hear you singing.
Do not fly! Sing, sing!
Little bird, is that your house?
Do you sleep in that house?
"I sleep in this wee little house,"
Says the bird.
"I was singing to my baby birds."

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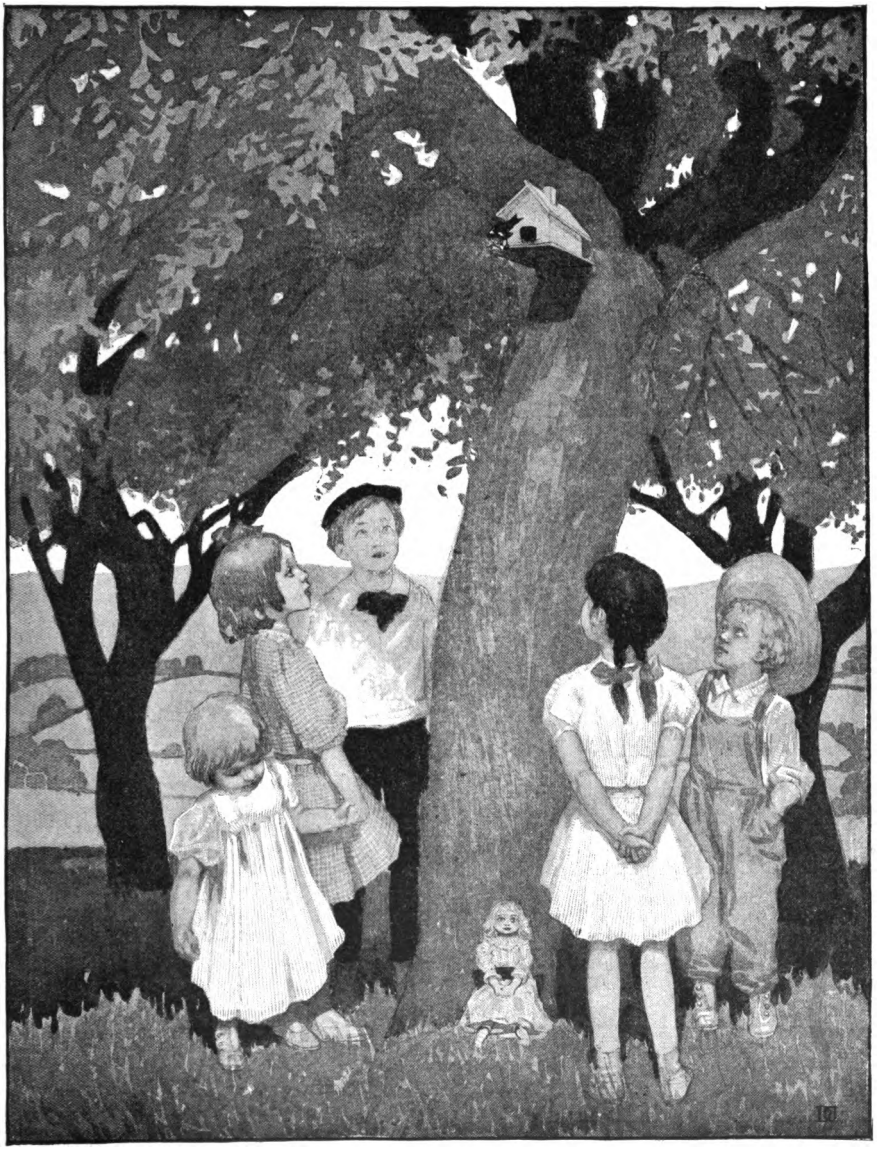

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on fall fun funny boom

Look at Frank. What has he?
A big, big drum! What fun!
Look at poor kitty on the drum.
How funny he looks!
Don't fall, Muff, don't fall.
Hear the drum. Hear it!
Boom! Boom! Boom, boom, boom!

"Mew! Mew!" says Muff, "I do
not like to sit on a drum."
And down he jumps.

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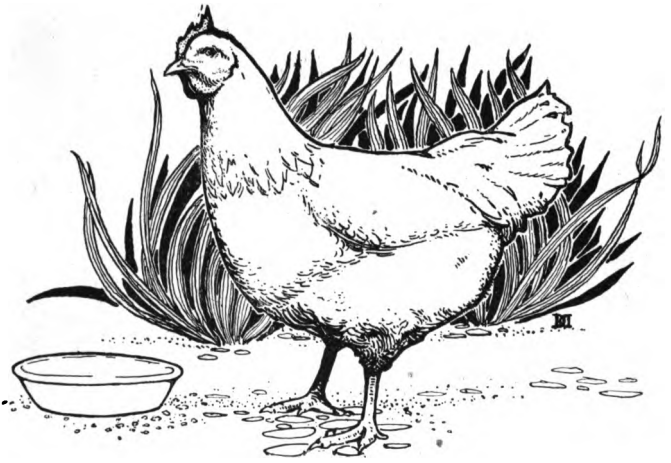
cluck Biddy hen corn



Cluck! Cluck! Cluck!
I am Biddy.
I am an old white hen.
Do you hear how I talk?
Cluck! Cluck! Cluck!
I walk and run and fly.
I eat corn. I like corn.
I eat and eat and eat.
I eat and cluck. I eat and cluck.
Cluck! Cluck! Cluck!

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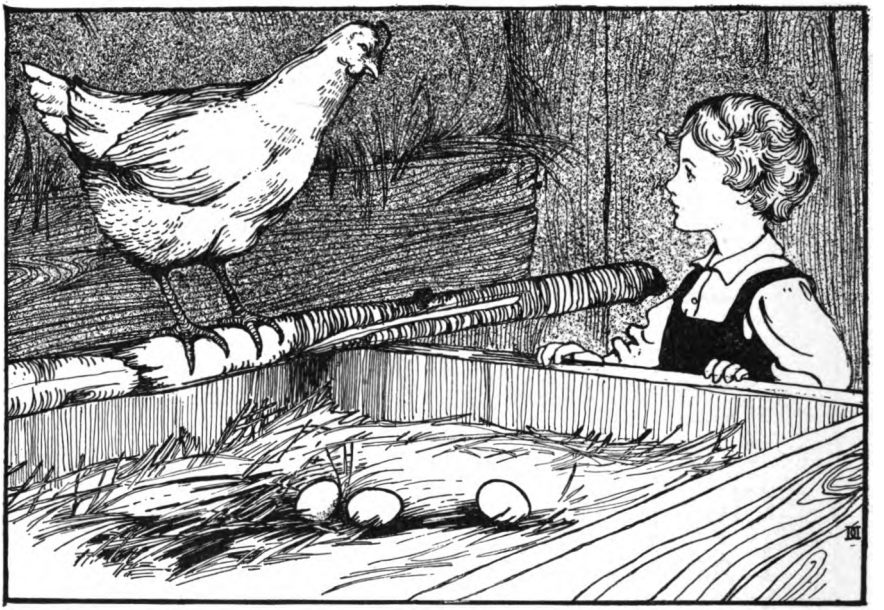
one two three eggs nest these



Here are eggs in a nest.
Here are one, two, three big
eggs in a nest.
Biddy, is this your nest?
Are these your eggs?
"Cluck! Cluck!" says Biddy,
"This is my nest.
These are all my eggs. Cluck! Cluck!"

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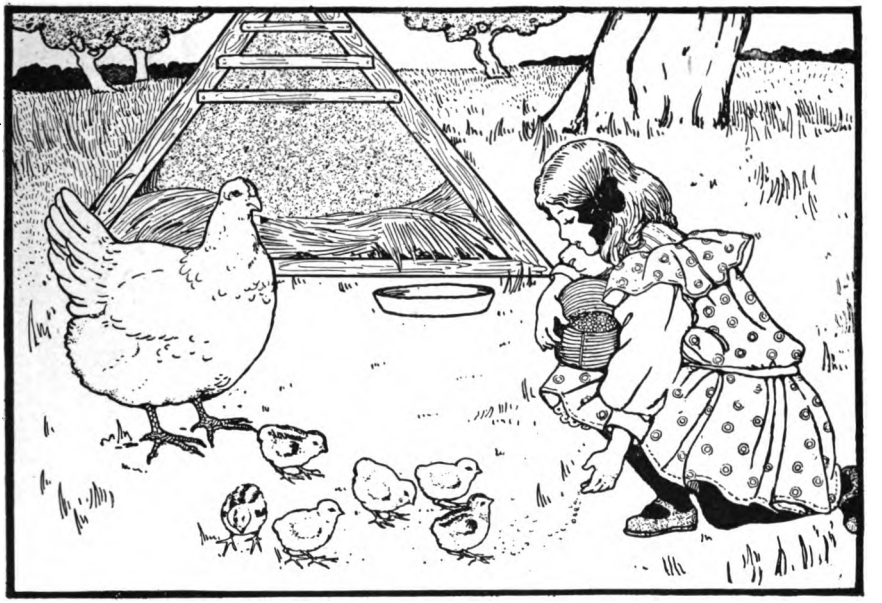
come chick four five six



Here are some dear little yellow chicks.
Come, chick, chick, chick!
One, two, three, four, five, six.
Six dear little yellow chicks!
One little, two little, three little chicks.
Four little, five little, six little chicks.
These are all Biddy's chicks.
Come, chick, chick, chick!

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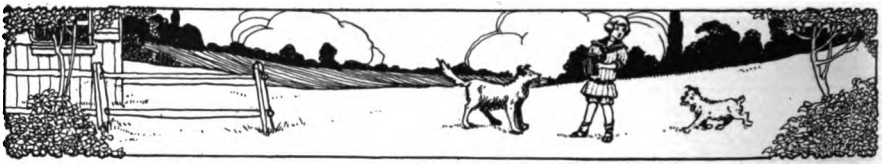
go going any there



Come here, Rags! Come here, Tray!
How do you do this morning?
Come with me.
I am going to feed Biddy.
Biddy is one of my hens.
There is her nest.
Are there any eggs in the nest?
There are two eggs in the nest.

Who sees Biddy? Do you?
Oh! There she is, up in a tree.
Hens like to sleep in trees.
Come down, old hen, come down.
Old mother hen, are you hungry?
Here is some corn for you.

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do doing away afraid barn

Rags, what are you doing?
What are you doing to my hen?
Here! Don't bark at me so.
Don't bark at Biddy.
Stop! Stop! Do you hear me?
Biddy is afraid of you.
Her chicks are afraid, too.
Run away, Rags, run away.
Go to the barn, you bad dog.

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can't can not we our green leaves

Bunny, here is Frank.
We have come to feed you.
Poor rabbit, are you hungry?
What do you like to eat?
Don't you like this corn?
All our hens like corn.
Do you like these apples?
Do you like green leaves?
Oh, Bunny, you can't talk. Can you?
But you can eat and eat.

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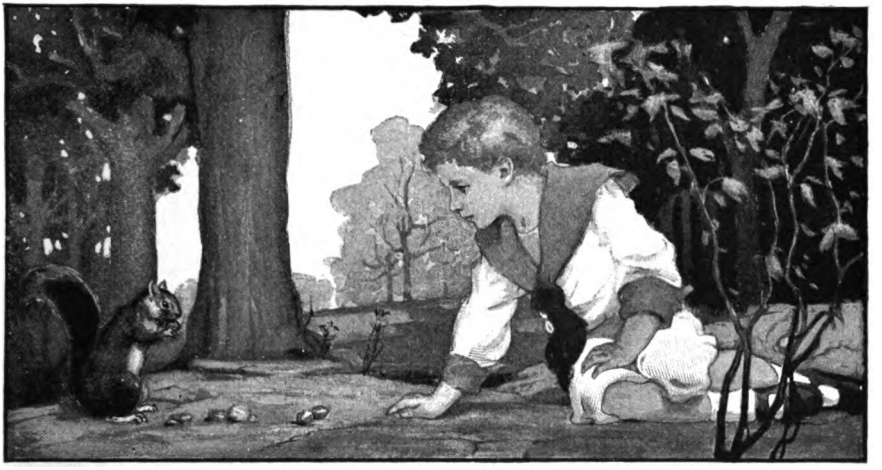
home hole hide where



Chip, are you hungry, too?
Sit up, you old bright eyes!
No green leaves for you!
You like nuts, don't you?
You have sharp, sharp teeth.
Red squirrel, where is your home?
"I hide my home in a hole in
a tree," says little Chip.
Oh, Chip, are you afraid of me?
Are you going to run away?

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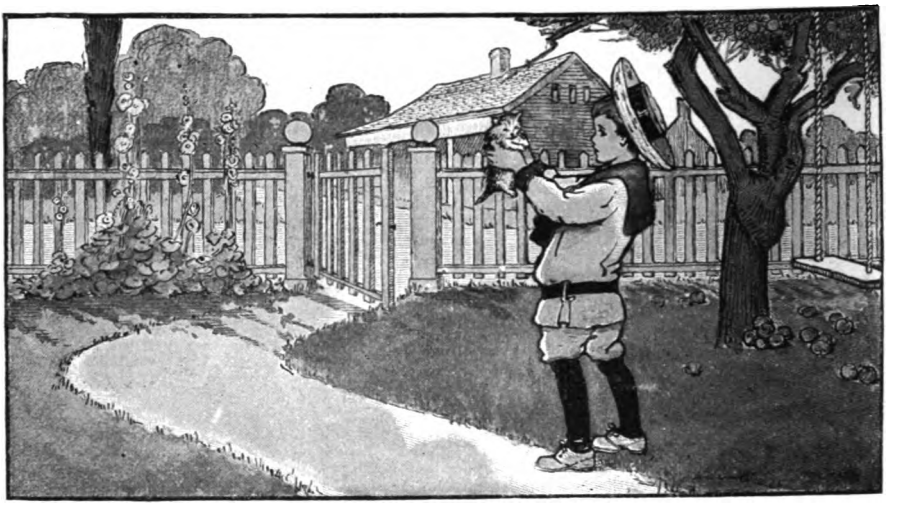
Teddy years happy must stay



Good morning!
Do you know me?
My name is Teddy.
I am six years old.
I can go to school.
Oh, I am so happy!
Muff, you little kitten, you can't
go to school.
You must stay at home.

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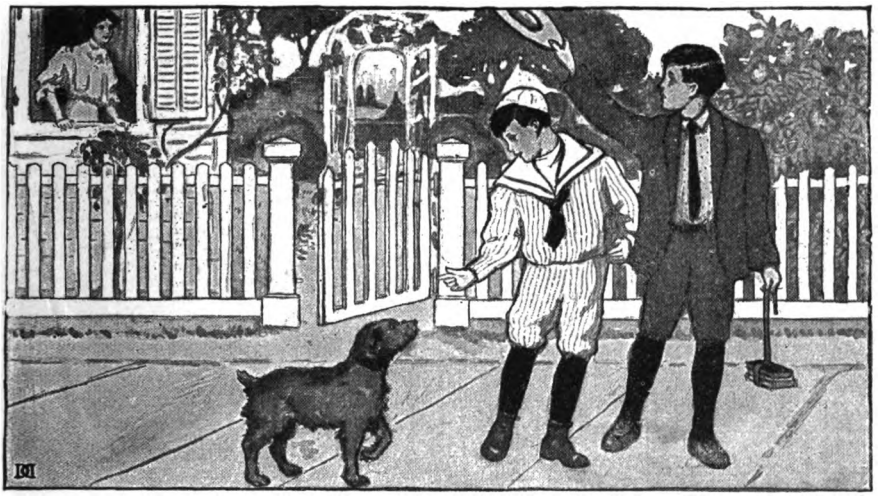
time may us good-by



Mother, what time is it?
What time is it?
Is it time to go to school?
Jack, may I go with you?
Good-by, mother! Good-by!
Rags, you can't go with us.
We are going to school.
Run home, little dog, run home.
Dogs must stay at home.

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gate make say him

Teddy is at the school gate.
He can not open the gate.
Where is Jack? I don't see him.
Does Teddy look happy?
Who can make him happy?
What do Teddy and Jack say?

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please why be will

What a big, big gate!
Jack, where are you?
Where are you? Oh, dear!
I can't open this gate.
I don't know what to do.
Please, please open the gate.
Can't anyone hear me?

Teddy, where are you?
Why don't you come in?
Is the gate shut?
Don't go away.
Don't be afraid.
Oh, don't cry, Teddy, don't cry.
I will open the gate for you.

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wall they coming to-day

Look at the boys on the wall.
One, two, three, four, five.
Five happy boys on a wall.
What are they doing there?

Boys, don't fall, don't fall!
Does anyone know Teddy?
Teddy is coming to your school.
He is six years old to-day.

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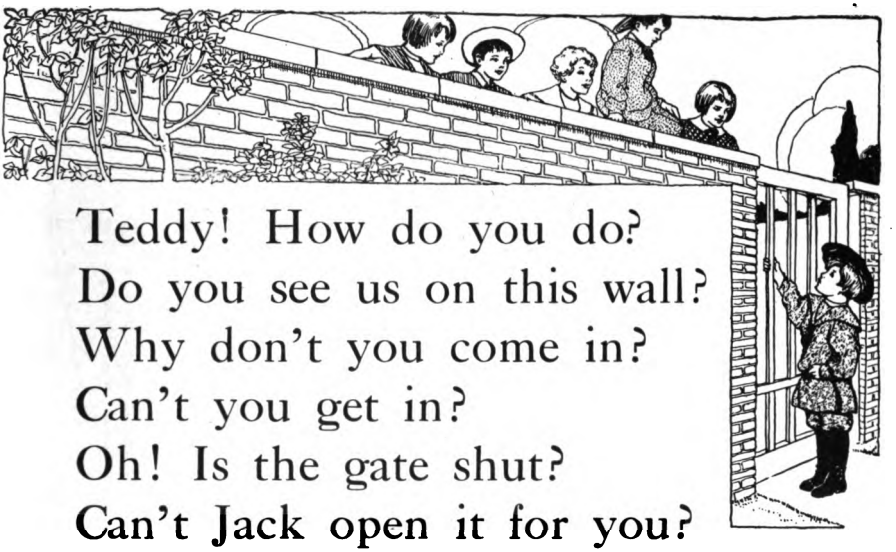
get let thank said very



Teddy! How do you do?
Do you see us on this wall?
Why don't you come in?
Can't you get in?
Oh! Is the gate shut?
Can't Jack open it for you?
Don't cry, little boy, don't cry.
No, don't run home.
Stay where you are.
We will come down and let you in.

The boys let Teddy in.
They made him very happy.
"Thank you, boys," said Teddy.
"I thank you, too," said Jack.

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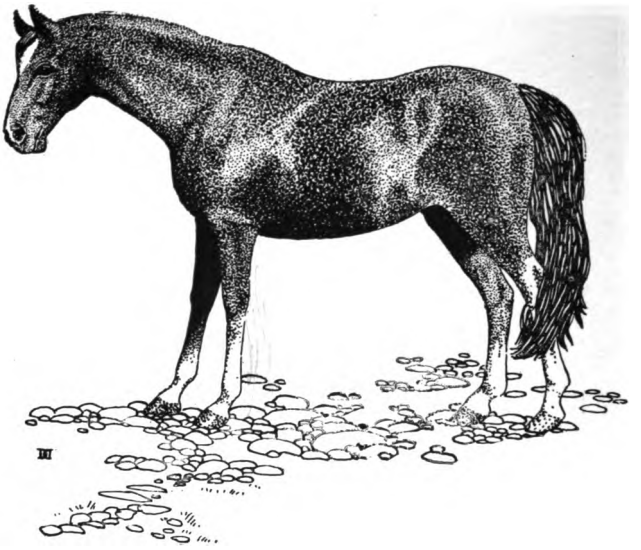
horse ride Black back think



Here is a horse.
His name is Black.
He lives in the barn.
Black is a good old horse.
Jack's father rides him.
To-day Jack said, "Father, please
may I have a ride on Black?"
Father said, "Yes, if Black will
let you get on his back."

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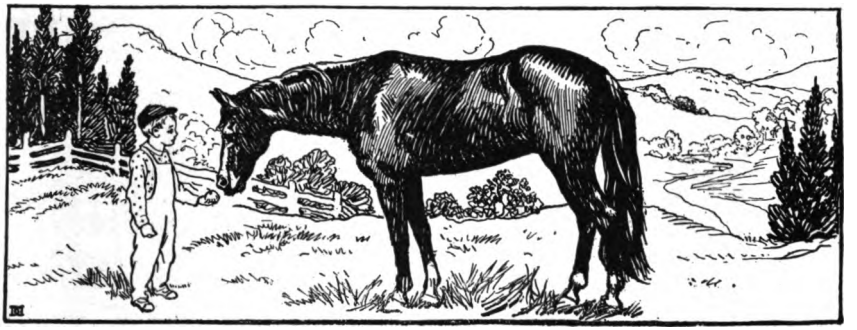

Here I am. I am Black.
Is Black a good name for me?
Jack thinks it is.
Do you think so, too?
Jack's father rides on my back.
Jack thinks he can ride, too.
I think he can fall.

To-day Jack said, "Black, here
is an apple for you, old horse.
May I have a ride to-day?"
I said, "Yes, Jack, you may.
Get on my back, if you can."
Jack said, "Thank you, Black."

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book read by fire

Sit up, Tray!
Sit up by the fire.
Here is my new book.
I can read in my book.
Poor old dog, you can't read. Can you?
I will read to you.

Bow-wow-wow!
Whose dog art thou?
Little Tom Tinker's dog.
Bow-wow-wow!

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Rose kind find pictures whose

This is Rose. Pretty Rose!
Isn't she a dear little girl?
Rose has a new book.
Her mother gave it to her.
Her mother is very, very kind.
Rose is too little to read, but
she can find pictures.
Rose is kind, too.
Whose sister is Rose? I know!

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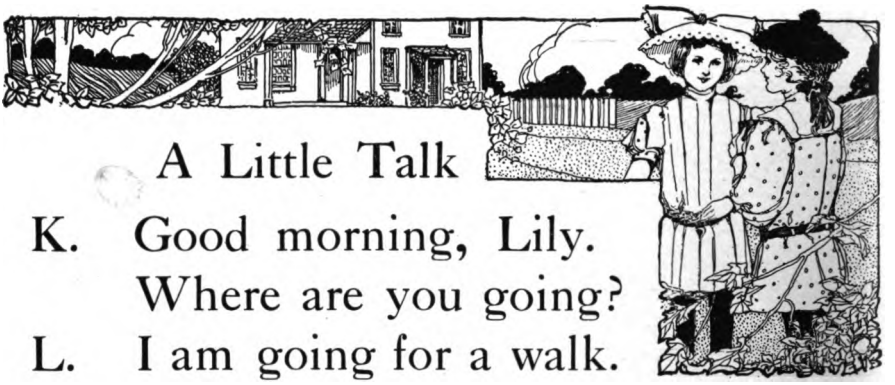

A Little Talk

K. Good morning, Lily.
Where are you going?

L. I am going for a walk.
Where are you going, Kate?

K. I am going to see Rose.
She lives in that green house.

L. Do you think she is at home?

K. Oh, yes! There she is on the gate.

L. Whose sister is Rose?

K. Don't you know? She is Teddy's sister.
Rose is four years old.
Teddy is six years old.
Teddy is very kind to Rose.
Rose does not go to school.
Do you know why?

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did pick much

Rose, did your book fall? Too bad!
Don't cry. I will pick up your book.
You can't read. Can you?
But you can find pictures.
Find a picture of a horse.
What a big, black horse!
I think your gate is your horse.
You ride on it so much.

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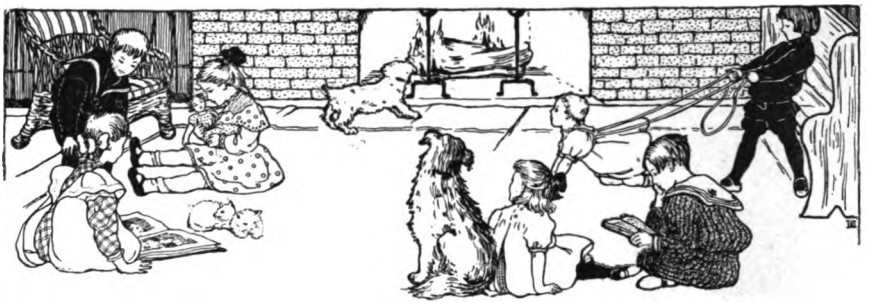

Busy Little Ones

Little ones, where are you?
Oh, here you are, by the fire.
How busy you all are!
Frank, what is Jack doing?
He is reading his new book.
What are Kate and Rose doing?
Kate is singing to her doll.
Rose is finding pictures.
Lily, what is Teddy doing?
He is playing horse with baby.
What are the dogs doing?
They are barking at the fire.
I think they will make baby cry.

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take toot automobile

No school to-day!
We are going for a ride.
Father is going to take us.
Black, you can't go this time.
Father will take his new automobile.
"Oh, I am so happy," says Lily.
Here comes the automobile.
Toot! Toot! Toot!

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flowers leaves shall

Toot! Toot! Toot!
Here we go in the automobile.
Oh, mother, look at the flowers.
Do let us stop and pick some.
Rose, shall I pick some for you?
Yes. Please pick blue ones.
I can't find any blue flowers.
Here are some green leaves
and pretty yellow flowers for you.

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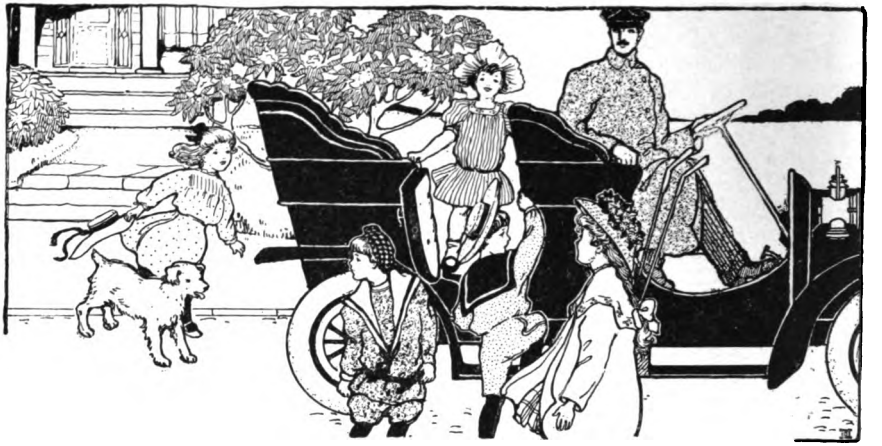
grandfather farm horses them



Do you know my grandfather?
He lives on a farm. I love him.
He has hens and horses and big,
big barns, and a red house.
We are going to the farm to-day.
Rags must stay at home.
All the chicks are afraid of him.
He barks at them so much.
Toot! Toot! Here we go to the farm.

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See this big barn.
Why, who is this?
It is Jack. He is looking for eggs.
Old mother hen hides her nest.
Jack thinks it's fun to find a nest.
"Cluck, cluck!" says the hen.
"Did you find my nest?
Will you take all my eggs?"
"No, Biddy," says Jack, "I will
leave one egg in your nest."

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F. Jack, where did you leave Rags?
J. I said he must stay at home.
I shut him up in the barn.
He didn't like that. Oh, no!
F. Who will feed him?
J. My brother will feed my dogs
and my rabbits.
F. What long ears rabbits have!
J. Yes. I pick them up by the ears.

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Do look at Muff.
What is that kitten doing?
See him run and jump.
Oh! He thinks the leaves are birds.
Leaves fly like birds. Don't they?
What makes them fly so?
Good kittens may catch these
birds, Muff.

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want something ran saw

Bow-wow! I want to get in.
Don't you hear me?
Please, please let me in.
Jack shut me up in the barn.
I saw him go away.
I ran and ran to catch him.
Oh! I am so hungry.
Who will get me something
to eat? Bow-wow-wow!

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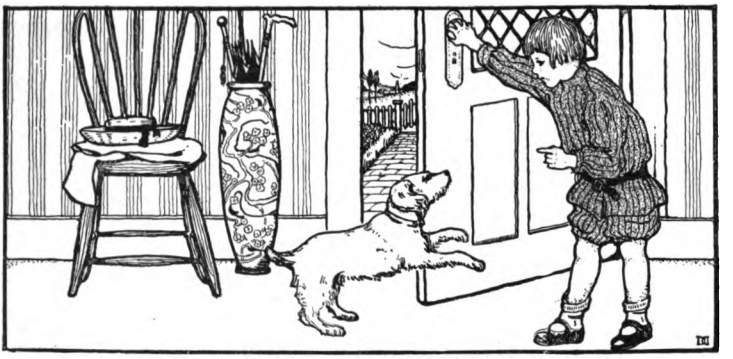

Why, Rags! Is that you?
How did you get here?
Didn't I say you must stay at home?
Bow-wow! I ran away.
Didn't you want to stay at home with
    Frank? Too bad!
Poor dog, you shall stay here.
Grandfather will let you stay, I think.
But you must not bark at his hens.
Do you hear?
Oh, you poor little hungry dog!
You shall have something to eat.
I will get it for you.

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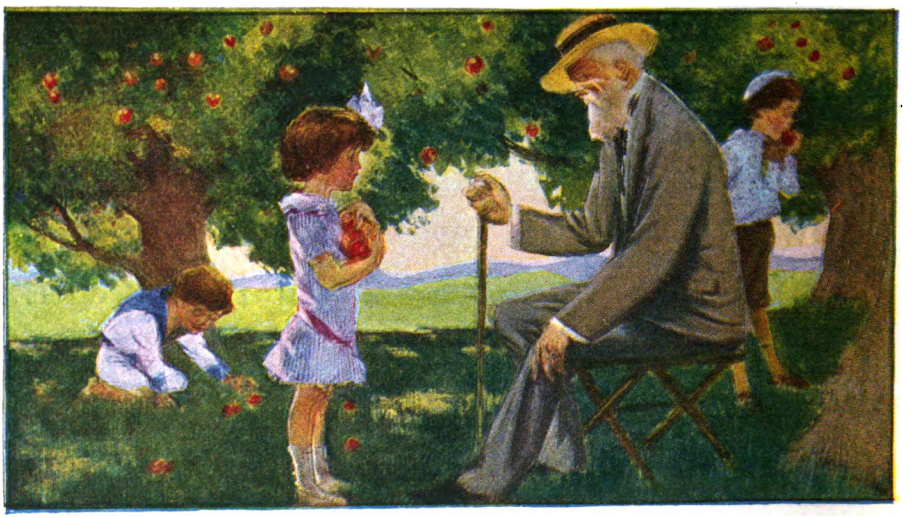
Teddy, do look at these trees.
Oh! See the apples on them.
Little girl, do you like apples?
Yes. I like them very much.
Please, may I pick some apples?
Oh, yes! Pick some big red ones.



Shall we play a little?
Who wants to pick apples?
Who wants to pick up nuts?
Pick apples, boys, pick up nuts.

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Who am I? Who am I?
Do you see my green cap?
Do you see two big holes?
They are my eyes.
Look at my teeth.
They are not very sharp. Are they?

What do you think Teddy did?
He ran away. He was afraid of me.
Do you know my name?

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grandmother help many things night

This is Jack's grandmother.
She lives on a farm.
She loves Jack very much.
Jack loves his grandmother.
He does many things to help her.
He picks flowers for her.
He reads to her at night.
Teddy, do you help grandmother?

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gobble turkey Mr. soon

Gobble, gobble, gobble!
I am a big turkey.
How do you do, Mr. Turkey?
Grandmother says a good time is
coming soon.
Boys and girls like good times.
Don't you, Mr. Turkey?
"Gobble, gobble, gobble!
Turkeys like corn," says Mr. Turkey.
"Gobble, gobble, gobble!"

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box tools blocks

Merry Christmas!
Who wants a box of tools?
Who wants a box of blocks?
What do you want for Christmas?

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Sh! Santa Claus hang stocking

Good night, mother.
I must run to bed.
Santa Claus will soon be here.
He must not find me up. Oh, no!
May I hang my stocking here?
Where will you hang baby's stocking?
How short baby's stocking is!
Good night, mother dear.

Sh! Sh! Santa Claus is here.
Are all the boys and girls in bed?
Are they good boys and girls?

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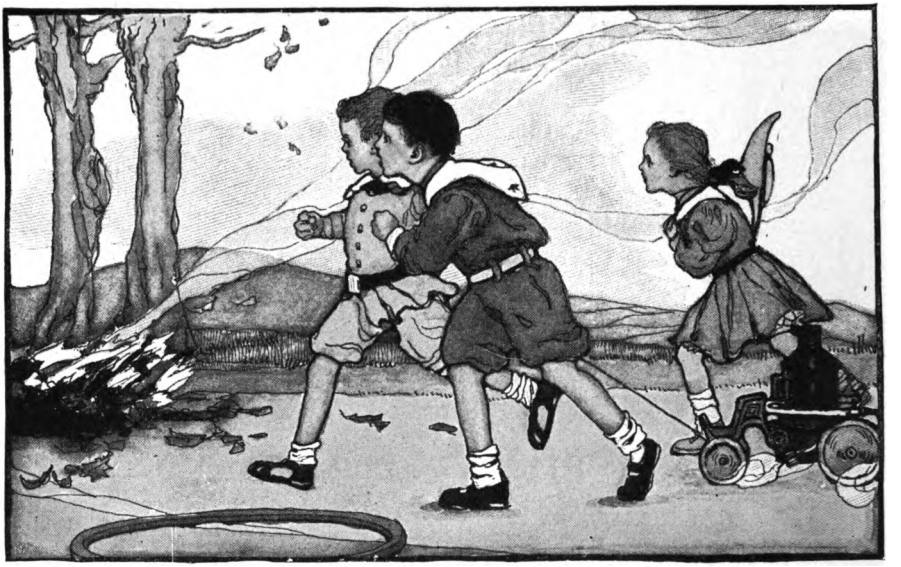
big ding-dong brown put out



Ding-dong! Ding-dong!
Fire, fire, fire!
Who knows where the fire is?
There it is. There is the fire.
A big fire of old brown leaves.
Who made it? Frank, did you?
Put it out! Put it out!
We must not play with fire.

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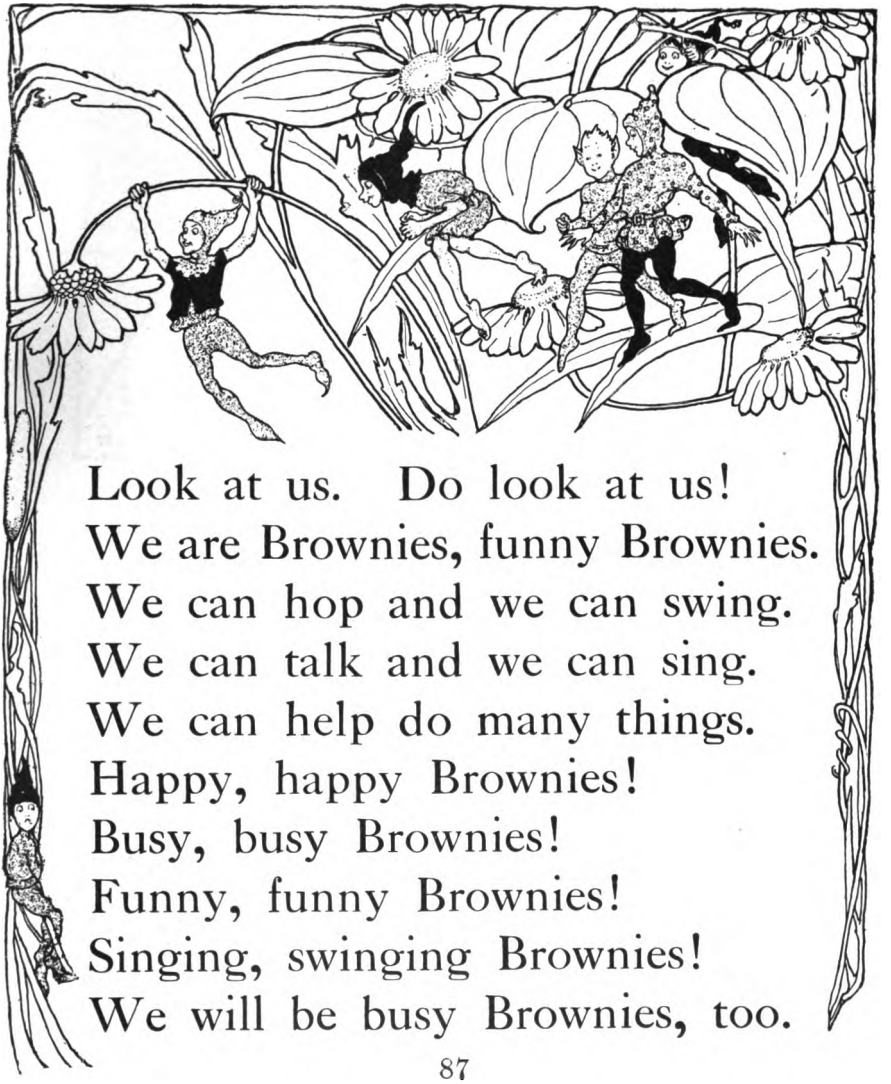
Brownie **swing** **swinging**



Look at us. Do look at us!
We are Brownies, funny Brownies.
We can hop and we can swing.
We can talk and we can sing.
We can help do many things.
Happy, happy Brownies!
Busy, busy Brownies!
Funny, funny Brownies!
Singing, swinging Brownies!
We will be busy Brownies, too.

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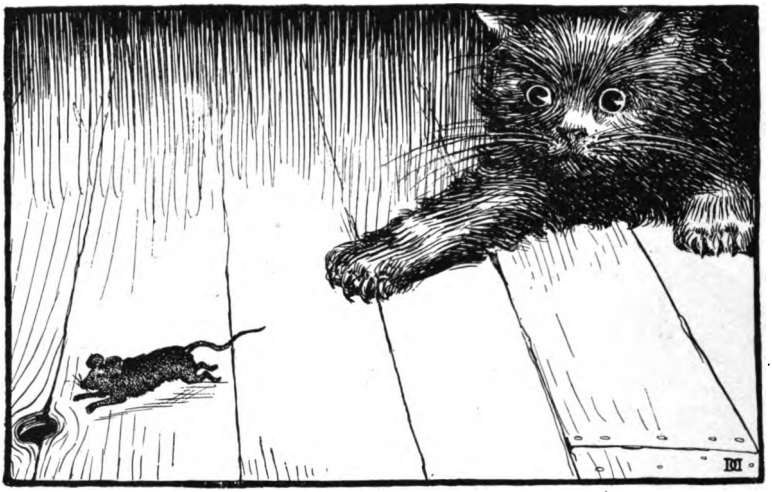
mouse mousie hark



Oh, you wee, wee mouse!
I see you! I hear you!
Sh! Sh! Hark! Hark!
Little mouse, see who is coming.
A bad, bad kitten is coming.
Look out! Look out!
Don't let him catch you.
Little mouse, where is your home?
Run, mousie, run to your home.
Hide, hide, hide in that hole!

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any where anywhere · went

A Runaway

Sister, did you see Rags?
I can't find that dog anywhere.
He went with me this morning.
We went to the barn to feed
the rabbits and the chicks.
We went to see the turkeys.
We went to pick up nuts.
Rags saw something.
It was a poor little mousie.
Away he ran to catch it.
No, he did not get the mouse.
But he ran and ran and ran.
Hark! Did a dog bark?
I think that must be Rags.

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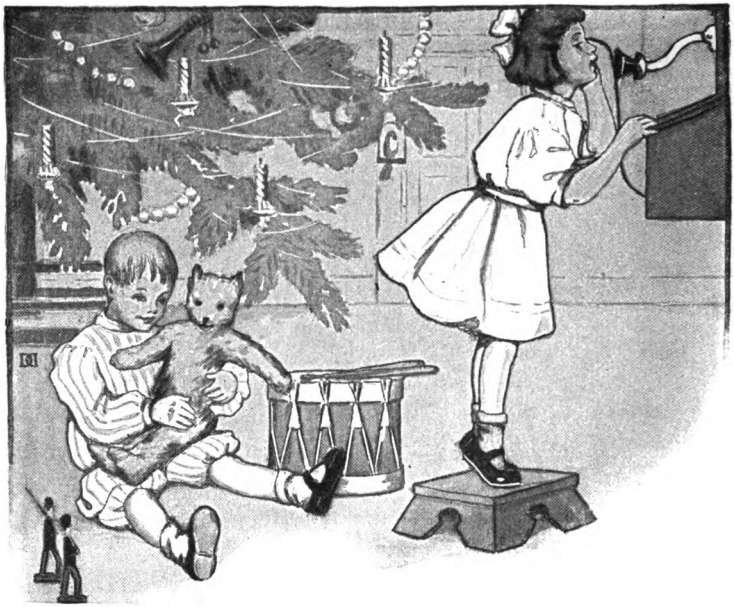

1. Merry Christmas, Kate!
2. Are you coming to see me?
3. Oh, yes! What did you get for Christmas, Kate?
4. I have a doll and a doll's house and a funny Brownie book. Brother has a box of tools.
5. Santa was good to us all. Good-by!

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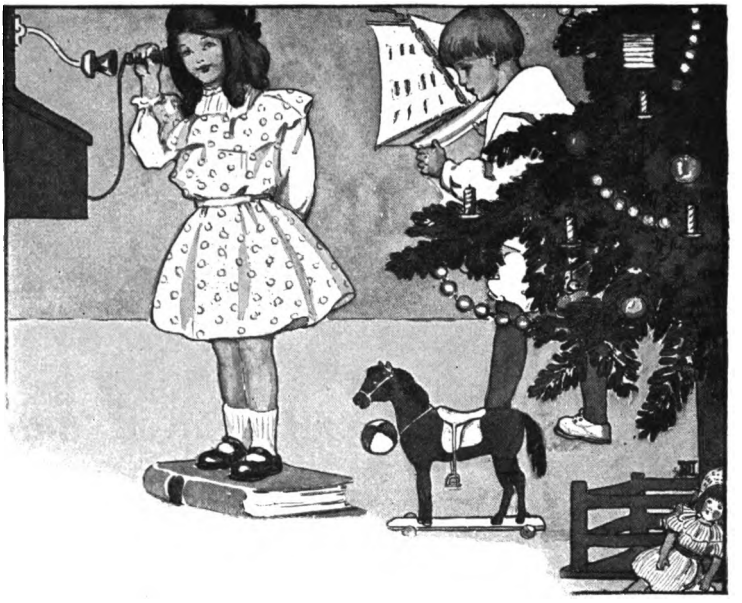

1. Merry Christmas, Lily!
2. Do you want me to come?
3. I have a doll with brown eyes.
4. Teddy has a big kite.
   Baby has some red blocks.
   Muff has a pretty new ball.
   I think old Santa was good to us.
5. Good-by, Lily.

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Isn't it time to play a little?
Teddy, what do you want to play?
I will be an automobile.
Hear me, toot, toot, toot!
Rose, what do you want to be?
I will be a wee, wee mouse.
I am afraid of old Muff.
See me run to my hole in the barn.
Mousie, hide your bright, black eyes.
Muff will see them and catch you.
Frank, Lily, Kate and Jack!
What do you want to be?
We will be hungry yellow birds,
in a nest in a tree.

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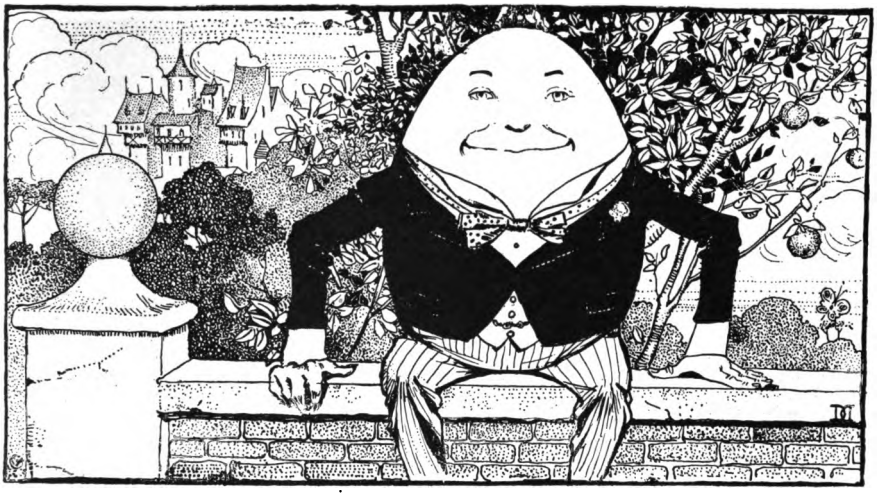
Humpty Dumpty sat had great



Where did I put my book?
Here it is, Rose, on my box.
Mother, see this funny picture.
Please read this to me.

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall,
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.

I know that! I can say it all!
Rose, what was Humpty Dumpty?
Jack said it was an egg.
Was it, mother?

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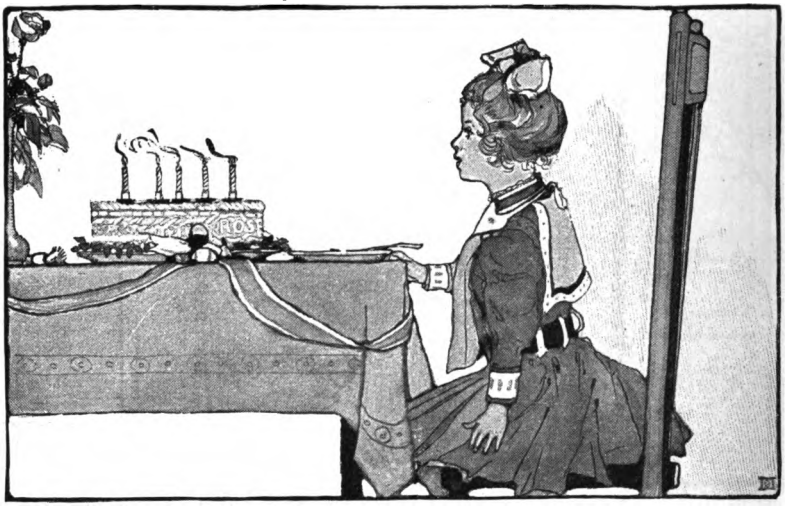
birthday any one anyone cake



Does anyone know my name?
Grandfather says I have a very
pretty name. It is Rose.
To-day is my birthday.
I am five years old.
Grandmother is at our house.
She is very kind to me.
She gave me this cake. She said,
"Happy birthday, my little Rose."
See what she put on the cake!

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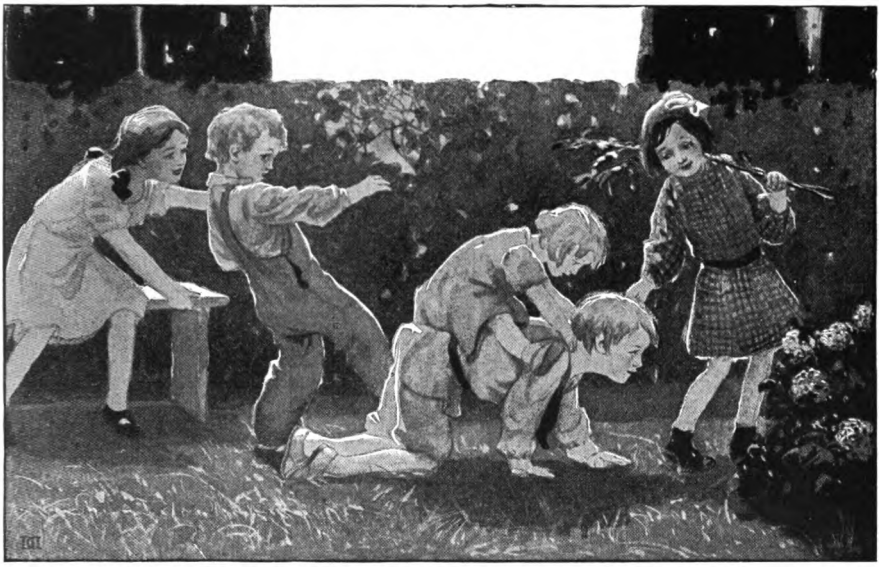
stand still give



Happy birthday, Rose!
We have come to play with you.
Baby wants Teddy to play horse.
Stand still, horse. Let baby get on.
Don't fall, baby. Hang on!
Here, horse! Don't run away. Stop!
Baby has had her ride.
May I give the horse some cake?

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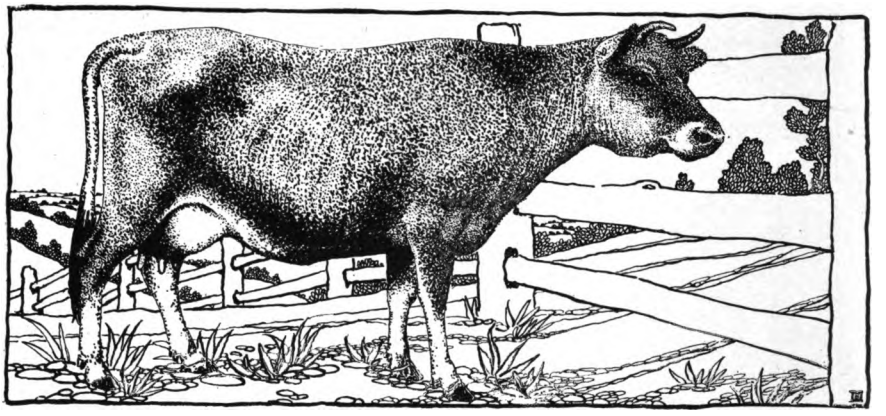
Moo cow Betty to-night



Moo! Moo! Moo!
Who can hear me?
I am an old cow.
My name is Betty.
I live on a farm.
Here I am at the farm gate.
Moo! Moo! Moo-oo-oo!
How long must I stay here?
It is time to milk the cows.
Who will milk me to-night?

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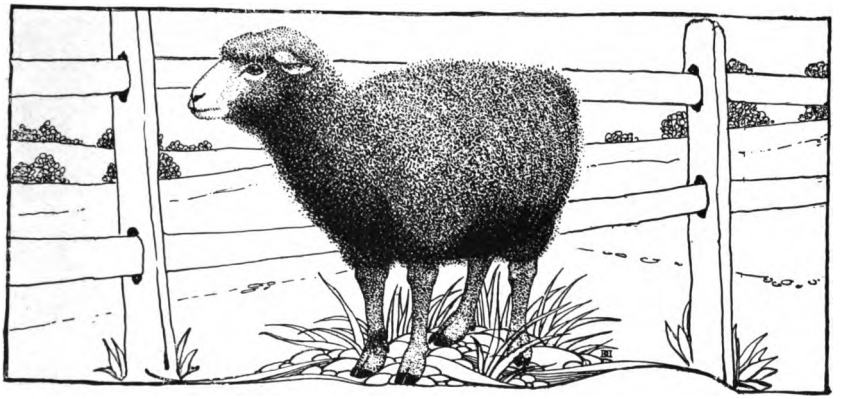
Baa sheep warm wool



Baa! Baa! Baa!
I am a black sheep.
I have warm wool on my back.
My wool helps you, little girl.
My wool helps you, little boy.
My wool makes caps for you.
It makes stockings for you.
It makes warm coats, too.
Boys and girls say, "Thank
you, sheep, for your wool."

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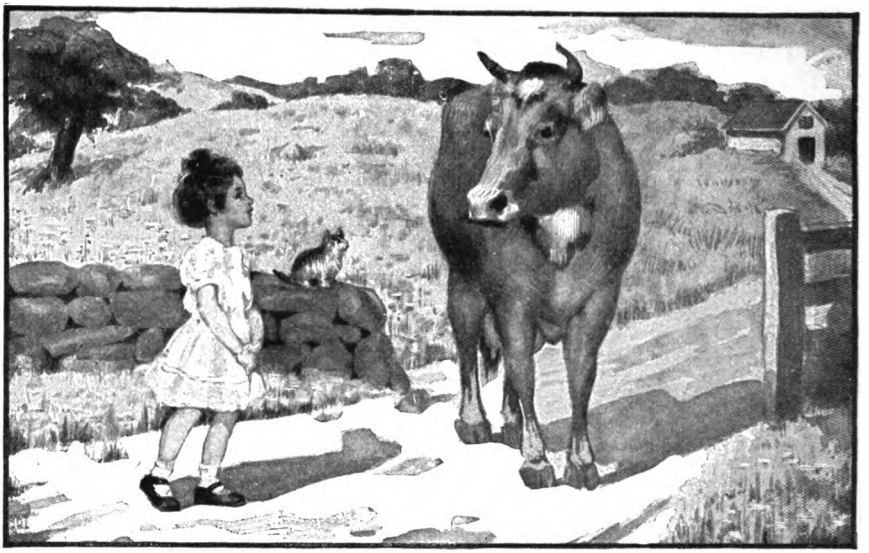

Betty, where are you?
Oh! There you are at the gate.
Grandfather is going to milk you.
Stand still, old cow, stand still.
I don't know how to milk.
Oh! See Muff on that wall.
Muff wants some warm milk.
"So do I," says Rose. "I like warm milk. Please give me some."
Thank you, Betty, for your milk.

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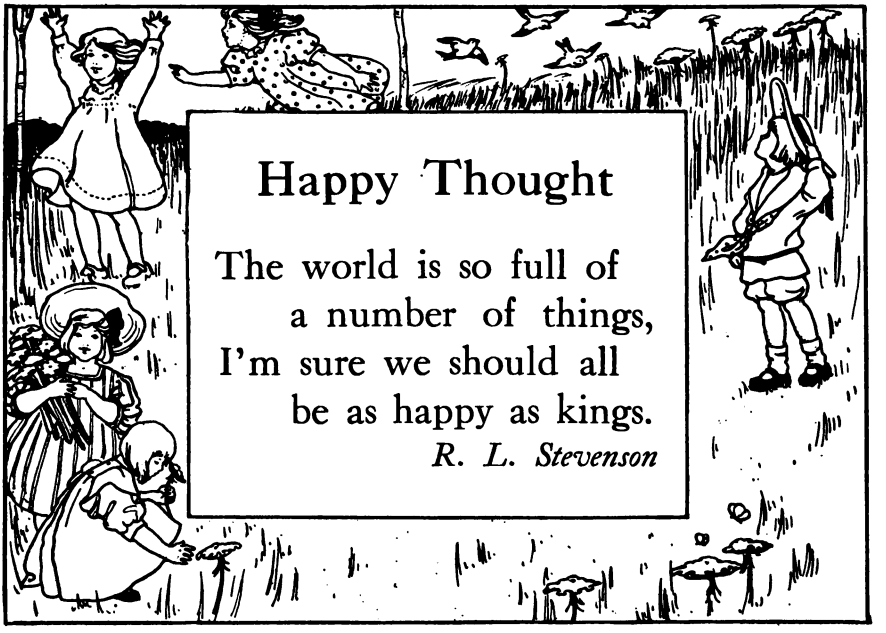

Happy Thought

The world is so full of
a number of things,
I'm sure we should all
be as happy as kings.

R. L. Stevenson

Baa! Baa! Black sheep,
Have you any wool?
Moo! Moo! Brown cow,
Have you any milk?
Cluck! Cluck! White hen,
Have you any eggs?
Gobble! Gobble! Mr. Turkey,
What have you for us?

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rain let's let us

See it rain!
What can we do in the rain?
Where can we play?
Oh, I know! I know!
Let's play in the barn.
Lily, Jack, Rose and Tray!
Don't you want to come and play?
How many want to play?

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Jack, you and I will make a gate.
Lily, can you moo-oo?
You may be old Betty.
Teddy, can you gobble, gobble?
You may be Mr. Turkey.
Rose, can you cluck and fly?
You may be Biddy, the hen.
Tray, you can't do very much.
You may stand and bark at us.
Open the gate! Open the gate!
Out we go! All out! Don't fall!
Moo! Gobble! Cluck! Bow-wow!

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Good morning, boys!
How busy you all are!
How happy you look!
Is Jack at school to-day?
I am his little white rabbit.

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Bunny at school? What fun!
Oh, boys, see his long ears!
Look at his bright eyes.
See his sharp teeth.
Look at his funny short tail.
Oh, what a warm coat he has.
Shall I get him some green leaves?
Does he eat apples, too?
I have a red squirrel.
His name is Chip.
May Chip come to school, too?

1, 2, 3, 4, 5! I caught a hare alive.
6, 7, 8, 9, 10! I let him go again.

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soldier wish wishes march hurrah

How many wish to play soldier?
Who wishes to be a soldier?
Come on, Rose. Play soldier.
You like to march. Don't you?
Frank, find your cap and drum.
Lily, find a flag, a red, white
and blue flag.
Hark! Here come the soldiers.
Hurrah for the soldiers!
Hurrah for the flag! I love it!

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Tray, what do you want?
Do you want to be a soldier?
What shall we give you?
I know! There hangs a red cap.
Here, Tray, is something for you.
Jack, take your drum. Boom, boom!
Soldiers, march! Boom, boom, boom!
One, two! One, two! One, two!
Why, look at old Tray!
He is not a good soldier.
He wants to run away. Stop, Tray.
Good soldiers do not run away.

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room playroom toys dishes bear

This is Kate's playroom.
It is in our new house.
Here is Kate's doll.
Here are all Kate's toys.
Dolly Dimple sleeps in that bed.
Oh! There are some dishes.
What pretty blue and white dishes!
Do you see the big brown bears?
I wish I had a room like this.
Don't you, Rose?

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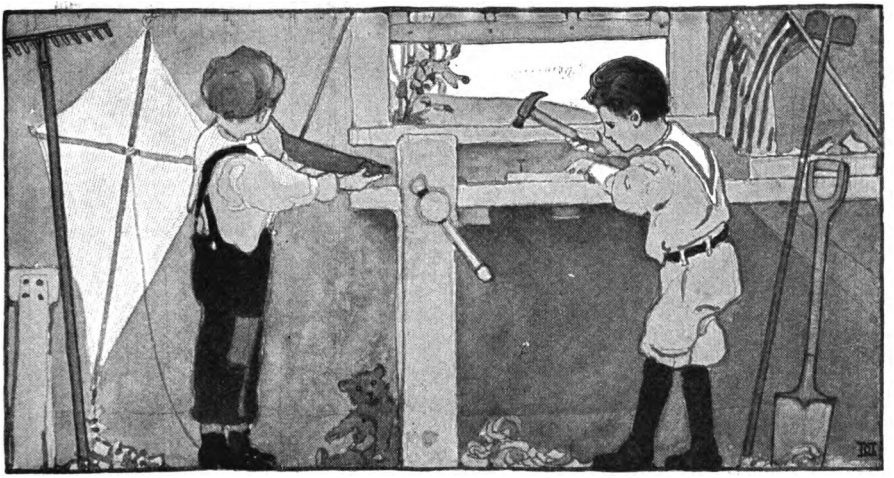
work spade rake hoe boats



Teddy and I have a playroom.
Our room is in a great big barn.
Don't look for dolls and dishes in
our room. Oh, no! Look for tools.
We work. We work with our tools.
We make boats, flags, and kites.
We have some toy bears, too.
Jack has a spade, a rake and a hoe.
Grandfather gave them to him.
Who can find them in the picture?

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Mrs. Duck swim quack

Good morning, Mrs. Duck.
How do you do this morning?
Do you live on this farm?
This is grandfather's farm.
Can you swim? Swim to us.
Are you hungry? We will feed you.
We saw your eggs to-day.
Where do you hide your nest?
"Quack, quack, quack," says the duck.
"Quack" is all that the duck will say.

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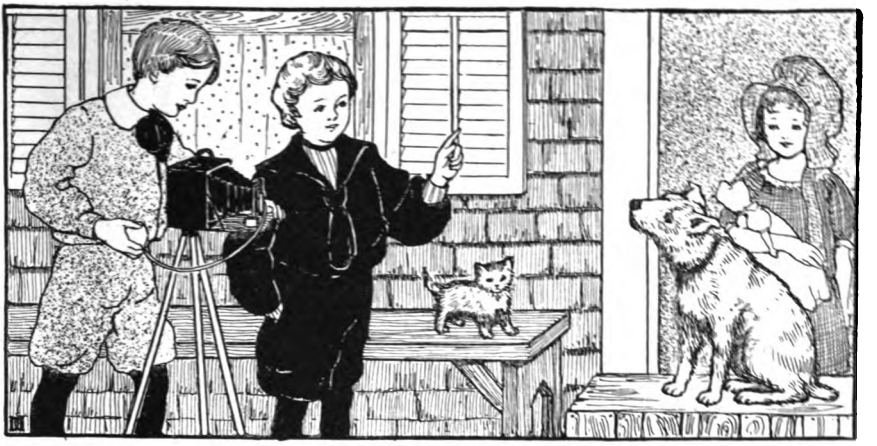

Here, Rags! Come here.
We are going home soon.
Grandfather wants your picture.
Come! Jump on this box.
Don't shut your eyes like that.
Open them! Open your brown eyes.
What are you doing with your ears?
You must sit still. Do you hear?
"Mew," says Muff. "Take my picture."
Jump down, Rags. Run away.
Let kitty get on the box.

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What pretty blocks! Are they yours?
Rose, can you pick out A B C?
Shall we play with the blocks?
See what I can make!

K	A	T	E

Do you know what that is?
It is my name. Do you like it?
Here is Lily. Shall she play, too?

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Lily, what does this say?

PLAY

See, Kate, what this says!

PLAYS

PLAYING

Here comes Rags. Hide the blocks.
He will run away with them.
Rose, shall I put them away?
See how I do it, and shut the box.

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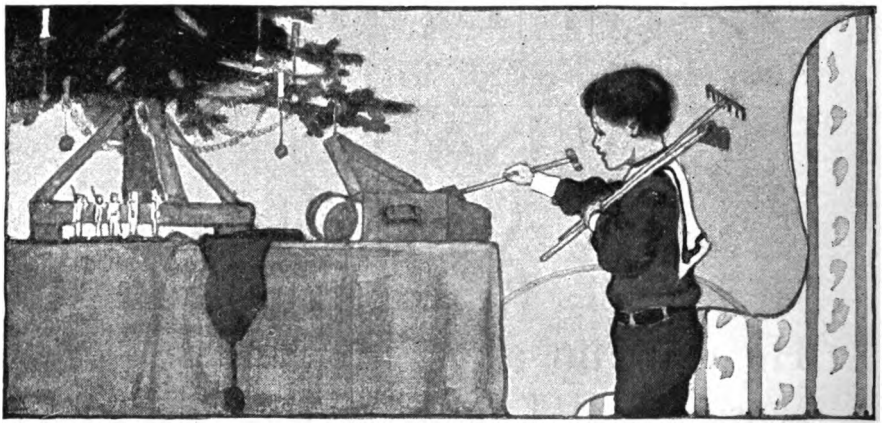
now garden were



Jack had a box of tools for Christmas.
They were garden tools.
What was in the box?
A spade, a rake, and a hoe.
Grandfather gave them to Jack.
He is very kind to us all.
Jack did not work with the tools
at Christmas. Oh, no!
He put them away in the barn.
Does he work with them now?

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dig seeds sun shine

Jack, take your tools to the garden.
Take your rake and hoe and spade.
Dig, dig, dig. Now put in seeds.
You must work and work and work.
Rain, fall on Jack's seeds.
Sun, shine and shine for Jack.
Soon there will be pretty flowers
in Jack's garden.

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Frank's New Boat

What do you think Frank has?
Oh! I know. A new boat!
Yes. His father gave it to him.
Oh! I wish I had a boat.
I like to ride in a boat.

Kate saw Frank's new boat.
Jack and Frank were in the boat.
How happy the boys were!
Frank makes Jack sit very still.
He will not take Rags in the boat.
Oh, no! Rags can't sit still.

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A Farm in School

Do you see our farm?
It isn't very big. Is it?
We can't have a big farm in school.
Oh, no! But we like to play farming.

We made our houses, and our
walls, and all our barns.
See our horses and cows and sheep.
We have turkeys and ducks and
hens and dear little chicks.
Please come to see our farm.

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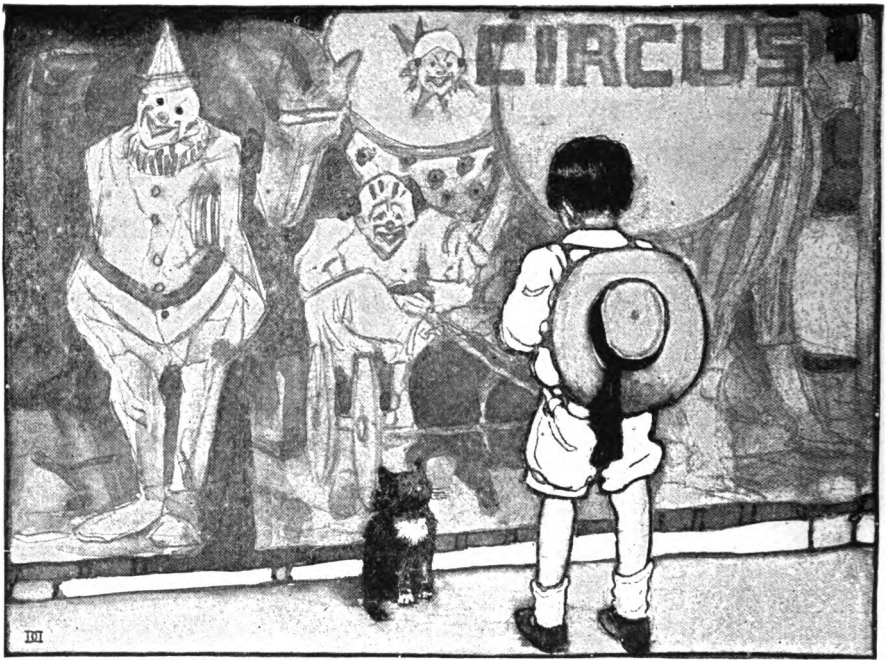
new news circus money



Good news! Good news!
The circus is coming.
Father says I may go to the circus,
if I work for the money.
Muff, don't you want to go, too?
Kittens don't go to the circus.
They stay at home and mew.

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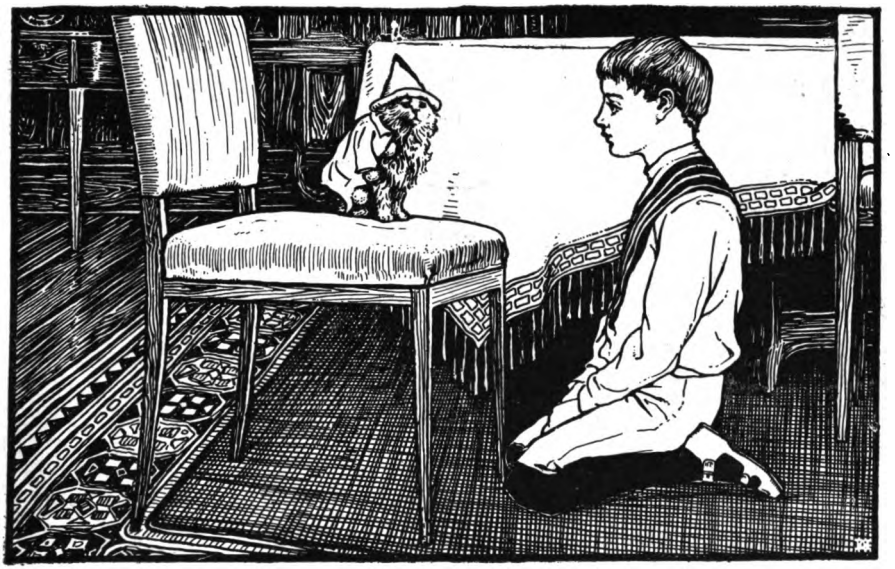

Frank went to the circus.
Frank saw a dog with a drum.
He saw birds put out a big fire.

Muff, shall we play circus?
Here is a red cap and a yellow coat.
Shall I put them on you?
Oh, Muff, how funny you do look!
Why, what is Tray barking at?
Tray, don't you know Muff?

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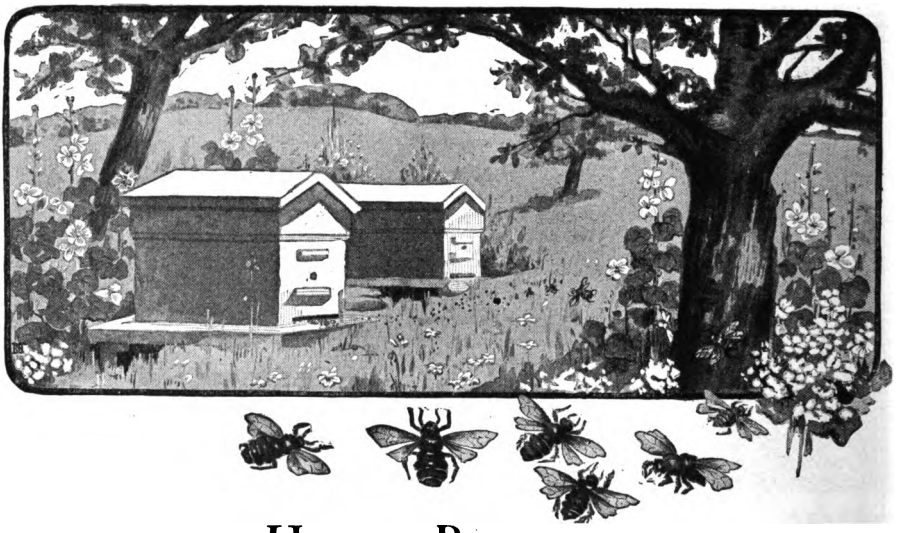
bee hum buzz honey



Honey Bees

Hum! Hum! Hum-m-m!
Do you hear us?
Hum! Hum! Hum-m-m!
Buzz! Buzz! Buzz-zz-zz!
We are busy bees, busy,
busy bees making honey.
Hum, honey-bees, hum!
Buzz! Buzz! Buzz-zz-zz!

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A Day in the Park

This is baby's
birthday.
She is three years
old to-day.
Mother, may we take
her to the park
with us?
Thank you!
Brother, take this box
and our coats.
Good-by, mother dear!

Kate, do you know
what was put in
the box?
No, but we shall
soon find out.

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Here we are! What shall we do?
Hark! Do you hear a bird sing?
Oh! I want to look for his nest.
I want to pick pretty flowers.
I want to have a boat ride.
I want to see the ducks swim.
I want to get in the swing.
Who wishes to catch rabbits?
Who will feed the sheep and
these pretty red squirrels?
Rose, you may play circus with
Tray. Make him be a bear.
Why, Tray! Don't bark at baby.
She will cry, if you bark so.

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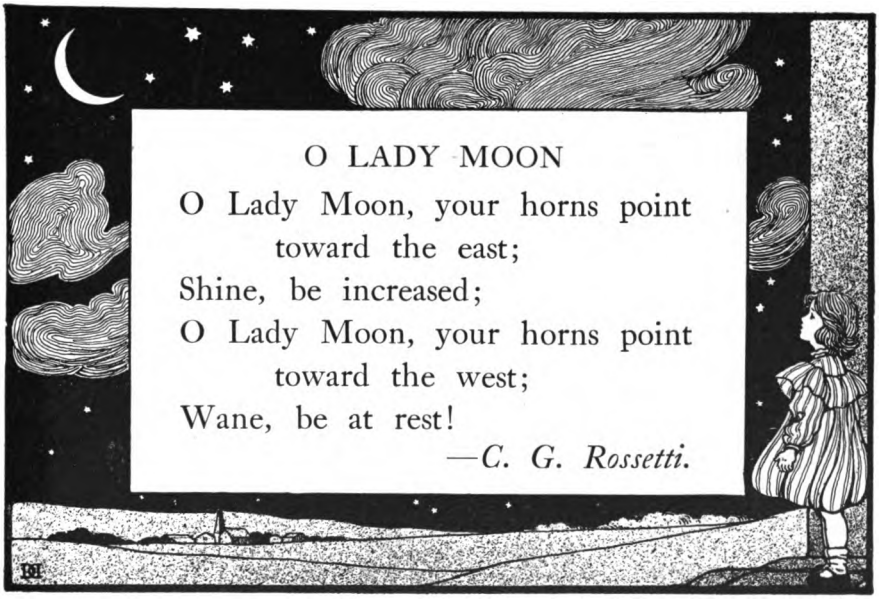
Sing-Song

What does the bee do?
Bring home honey.
And what does Father do?
Bring home money.
And what does Mother do?
Lay out the money.
And what does Baby do?
Eat up the honey.



O LADY MOON

O Lady Moon, your horns point
toward the east;
Shine, be increased;
O Lady Moon, your horns point
toward the west;
Wane, be at rest!

—*C. G. Rossetti.*

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Sleepy Time

Sleepy time has come.
Sleepy time for you and me.
Birds sleep in the nest.
Kittens sleep by the fire.
Squirrels sleep in a hole in the tree.
Dolly sleeps in her little white bed.
And you may sleep here by me.
Sleep, sleep, my baby dear!

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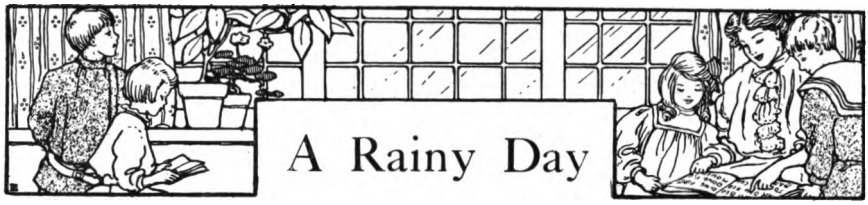

A Rainy Day

Oh, how it rains!
No work in the garden to-day.
Mother, please play school with
us. What shall we do?
Jack, here is something to read.

bark	big	bed	boy	hum
park	dig	red	toy	buzz

Good! Jack knows how to read.
Frank, here is work for you.

to	cow	Kate	cake	catch
do	bow	gate	rake	chick

Hurrah! Frank has sharp eyes.
Now, Lily. Let us hear you.

ding	fire	house	jump	live
dong	five	mouse	chip	love

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Kate may read this time.

us	were	sing	think	this
up	went	swing	thank	these
flag	kind	will	apple	where
rag	find	still	gobble	there

Little ones, it makes mother
very happy to hear you read.
Get your box of blocks. Look!

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Oh, mother, look!
The sun has come out.
Hurrah! See the sun shine!
School is out. Out we go!

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VOCABULARY

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A WORD TO THE TEACHER

Read the Primer through to catch its spirit. Learn its method and vocabulary.

Anticipate the children's use of it in your blackboard work. Have an ample supply of pictures and objects to make this preliminary work spirited and effective. In this connection, make pupils acquainted with the names of persons, pets, songs, games and stories, with greetings and other polite forms, and the ordinary commands given in the schoolroom, as *sit*, *stand*, *sing*.

Follow the reading of the printed lesson with others of a similar nature composed by yourself.

Supplement the lessons with such exercises as:

Telling the story (a) in your own words, (b) with crayon, brush, scissors, clay, paper, sand table.

Selecting and arranging word-cards giving the names of the characters, words which describe them, words which tell what they do. Build sentences and whole stories in this way. Later, build words and word-families with letter cards.

Choosing parts and acting the story.

Judicious copying of words and sentences.

Remember—This Primer is a tool to aid you in teaching your pupils to read. Hence, be satisfied with nothing short of absolute mastery of stories, sentences, words, letters, and their sounds.

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